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# THE LATE ATTACK ON NEWBERNE.

FEW attempts of the rebels have] shown FEW attempts of the redeis have] shown more boldness or been more nearly crowned with success than the recent attack on Newberne. A force of no less than 15,000 was selected for the expedition, and barges were brought on from Savannah, with picked crews, who were to capture the gunboat Underwriter and with her destroy the Navy Yard and command the town.

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The land attack began on the afternoon of the 1st, at Bachelor's creek, eight miles west of Newberne, on the railroad, where two blockhouses and some slight defences were held by the 132d N. Y. volunteers, Col.

Cleasem. The latter held the bridge on the creek stubbornly, but after four hours' fight were flauked and fell back, and being rainforced by the 17th Massachut being outflanked, after a short fight retired to the fortifications near the city on the morning of the 2d. Adjutant H. C. Cheever was mortally wounded, Lieut.-Col. Fellows, several other officers and 50 men missing.

The gunboat Underwriter had passed up the Neuse, The gunboat Underwriter had passed up the Neuse, and some of the esptors, got into our boat. This fact soon became known among them, and the boat landed near Fort Stephenson, throwing out her anchors and placing all her guns on the port side. About one o'clock at night the rebels approached in their boats, and before the sentinel could alarm the crew boarded the vessel. A short contest ensued, but the crew were



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# Summary of the Week. VIRGINIA.

A well-concerted plan for dashing into Richmond was on the point of success. Gen. Butler sent out an expedition, under Gen. Wistar, to proceed by way of Bottom's bridge, the attention of the rebels being diverted by raids on the James river. To prevent Lee from sending any troops back the second army corps, under command of Gen. Caldwell, temporarily, moved to the river at Morton's ford, where the third division, under Gen. Hayes, crossed over, under cover of Capt. Arnold's Rhode Island battery. A rebel picket guard was surprised and captured in the works on the bank. After a short advance the rebels were met in large force, when they made two attacks on our troops, both of which were gallantly repulsed. During one of these fights, one of our regiments-the 14th Connecticut-composed largely of conscripts, got thrown into disorder, and suffered quite severely from the rebel fire. Night coming on, our forces were ordered back to the north side of the river, it having been demonstrated that the rebel army was still in large force on the south side of the Rapidan. Our loss was about 200 killed and wounded, of whom only six were known to be killed.

This movement left the field open for Butler's attempt, but a deserter reached the enemy in time to warn them, and Gen. Wistar, on reaching Bottom's bridge, finding the way impeded by trees which had been cut down, fell back without making the attempt.

Richmond on the 6th and 7th inst. was in a state of the most feverish excitement, from midnight on Saturday up to the time they left on Sunday afternoon.

At midnight on Saturday the bells of the city were rung, and men were rushing "wrough the streets crying, "To arms! to cms! the Yankees are coming! the Yankees re coming!"

During the remainder of the night there vas an intense commotion everywhere dalble. The Home Guard was called outand the tramp of armed men could be heard in all directions.

Cannon were hauled through the streets; women and children were hurrying to and fro, and there were all the evidences of such a panic as has se'dom been witnessed in Richmond.

On Sunday there was no abatement in the excitement. The guards were all marched out of the city to defences, and the armed citizens were placed on guard over the prisoners.

The prisoners in Libby and Belle Isle were filled with exultant hope, to be however soon dashed.

The Montgomery (Ala.) Mail (rebel aper) of no specified date is reported to have said: "Rumors of an evacuation of Richmond are gaining credit. There is a movement on foot which will create more consternation at Richmond than anything that has occurred during the war."

It is certain that they are hurrying prisoners to the South.

A very disgraceful affair occurred in Gen. Butler's department, Lieut.-Col. Wead, of 98th N. Y., wishing to free a Secession lady, held as a hostage by Col. Draper, 2d N. C. lured him to his post by a false message, and violently rescued his chere amie, calling out his whole force to resist Draper, who was brutally treated, beaten and disarmed. Wead has been reprimanded.

The railroad train at Kearneysville depot was recently robbed by a band of guerillas, but a sharp pursuit succeeded in capturing 10 of the 38 engaged. These prove to be chiefly Baltimoreans and sons of well-to-do persons in the neighborhood, chiefly in Jefferson and Berkeley counties, Va.

A report reaches us that Gen. Streight and 108 other American officers had escaped from Libby; some were recaptured, but the great number were still at large.

#### NORTH CAROLINA.

After Gen. Picket's failure to take Newberne he hung one of our men, who had been recognised as having killed a rebel Colonel. The rebel fronclad, which lies 35 miles above Newberne, on Neuse river, at Kinston, is supposed to be prepared for a communication with the land forces threatening Newberne. She is regarded as a very formidable engine of war.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA.

All efforts of the rebels to relieve their garrison in Fort Sumter now prove abortive. They cannot do it by day, as our guns have full range all around it, and the use of calcium lights gives us the same command at night. A rebel ram and a torpedo boat tried to come out in the rear of Sullivan's island on the 11th of Feb., but the torpedo craft went down with eight of her crew.

## TENNESSEE.

The only movement here seems to be that of rebel deserters. Those who left their homes in Kentucky and Tennessee to fight for the oligarchy of the cotton lords, are heginning to grow weary of their fatal choice, and gladly escape when they can; 1,000 came into the Union lines in this State in January.

An expedition, organised by Gen. Paine, commanding at Gallatin, Tenn., recently left that place in pursuit of several bands of troublesome guerillas, and made a success ful raid into Putnam, Overton, White and Bartress counties. It was out nearly 11 days, and travelled about 300 miles, killed 36 guerillas, took 102 prisoners and captured some 100 horses and mules, and a considerable quantity of stolen property. Among the centured is Col. Murray, of the rebel army, and among the killed is Capt. Brown and two lieutenants.

## GEORGIA.

The rebel army is still at Dalton, although Border State troops are sent back to Rome, the ardor of their zeal for the Southern cause often carrying them too near our lines. The rebel papers are very boastful of their holding Atlanta. It is a strange result of the three years war. They who were going to lay New York, Philadelphia and Boston in ashes, are now only able to boast that they can hold a town in the interior of Georgia!

## MISSISSIPPI.

Gen. Sherman's army left Vicksburg about two weeks since, on its expedition south-The 16th and 17th army corps composed it, under the command respectively of Gen. Hulburt and Gen. McPherson, the latter having the advance. On the 3d inst. Gen. Smith's cavalry expedition left Memphis for Corinth, to operate in the interior of Mississippi and Alabama.

Porter and Sherman were attacked, Feb 5, by a force of Texans, but they were dislodged and driven from their position by the gunboats and by some of our black horse and foot.

The enemy were also driven from Mechanicsville. A sick negro soldier, of Colwood's command, was taken by the rebels and murdered. His assassins, a lieutenant and two privates, were captured. and shot, by Colwood, on the body of their

Gen. Steele's Union force in Arkansas are also preparing for an early move southward which will put the rebel Magruder between them and the forces of Gen. Banks.

#### FLORIDA.

Jacksonville, twice occupied and twice abandoned our troops, was again occupied on the 8th by three brigades, under Brig.-Gen. Truman Smith.

#### NAVAL. An Anglo-rebel steamer passed our

blockading squadron off Charleston, and began to unload near Fort Moultrie, when she was riddled by our gunners.

#### CONGRESS.

In the Senate, on the 8th February, Senator Summer introduced a bill for the repeal of all laws for the rendition of fugitive slaves. Also a series of resolutions to smend the Constitution, so as to secure the extirpation of slavery from the land.

In the House, an amendment was moved to the En roliment act, providing that any drafted man finding a substitute should be exempt from draft as long as the substitute's term of service.

In the Senate, on the 9th, Mr. Sumner presented In the Senate, on the 9th, Mr. Summer presented several numerously signed petitions in favor of the entire abolition of slavery, which gave rise to an interesting debate on the Crittencen compromise proposition. The bill reviving the grade of Lieutenant-General was reported, with the cluuses making said officer General-in-Chief of the army and recommending Gen. Grant for the position struck out. A bill problicities greenlation in call and for the property of the structure of the senator of the se probleting speculation in ecin and foreign exchange was introduced by Mr. Sherman and referred to the Finance Committee. Mr. Powell introduced a bill amending the Constitution, so as to provide a new method of electing the President of the United States;

it was referred to the Judiciary Committee. In the House there was nothing of interest. In dis cussing the Euroliment act, the clause exempting

en was struck out. In the Senate, on the 10th, Mr. Trumbuli reported from the Judiciary Committee a joint resolution, proposing amendments to the Constitution providing for the abolition of slavery. A report from the same committee, adverse to Mr. Summer's proposed amendment, making all men equal before the law, so that no man can hold another as a slave, was also presented by Mr. Trumbull. A billratifying the President's Emman capation Proclamation and giving that bill the force of a statute law was referred to the Committee on Slavery and Freedmen. The case of the colored surgeon Augusta, of the 7th colored volunteers, who was ejected from a railroad car because of his color, was brought up by Mr. Summer, who offered a resolution directing inquiry as to the expediency of passing a law granting equality to colored people on the railroads of Washington. Considerable argument maued, and finally the resolution was adopted, 30 to 10. The bill prohibiting members of Congress, heads of bureaus and others from acting as attorneys, except on purely judicial cases before civil courts, was taken up and the ciause relating to Congressmen struck out by a vote of 28 against 14. The bill to make the pay of colored soldiers the same as that of white troops was then discussed, and after an executive seasion the Senate adjourned. About 300 army nominations were cent to the Senate, making 1,500 now awaiting confirmation. In the Senate, on the 10th, Mr. Trumbull reported

confirmation.

In the House, Mr. Stevens offered an amendment that persons of African descent between 20 ard 45 years of age, whe her citizens of the United States or not, shall be enrolled and form part of the National forces; and when a clave shall be drafted and mustered into the service, the master shall receive a certificate for \$300, and the drafted man shall be free. This was opposed by Messra. Clay and Mallory, of Kentucky, and advocated by the Maryland an 1 Delaware members; but the House sojourned without taking a vote on the proposition.

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In the Senate, on the 11th, there was an animated iscussion on the resolution reviving the grade of deutenant-General in the army, and in recommenden, Grant for that honor. Without coming to a vote he Senate action read. ate adjourned.

In the House, Mr. Wood made a speech, in which he said tha while the rebel Congress was discussing peace, the Northern Congress was violating the Con-stitution. He did not explain what he meant.

In the Senate, on the 12th, a motion to print 10,000 extra copies of Gen. McClelian's report, without the maps and accompanying documents, was referred. The House bill making appropriations for deficiencies, amounting to \$80,000,000, was taken up and a number of amendments proposed by the Finance Committee agreed to; but without concluding the subject, the Senate went into executive session, and shortly after adjourned.

The House spent the entire day on the Eurollment bill, who was passed as it came from the Committee of the Whole. The vote stood 93 yess against 60 nays. The bill now goes to the Senate, for concurrence in the House amendments.

In the Senate, on the 13th, the consideration of the bill increasing the pay of colored soldiers to the same amount given to white troops was then resumed. Mr. Wison moved to strike out the clause in the bill of the committee giving colored troops the same pay, etc. except bounty, during the whole time they have the committee giving colored troops the same payete,, except bounty, during the whole time they have been in the service, and insert "after the list day.of January, 1864." This was adopted. The smeadment of Mr. Doulittle, providing that from the monthly pay of colored troops, matered into the rervice in insurrectionary districts, the sum of three dollars permonth shall be reserved to reimburso the expenses incurred by the United States in feeding and ciothing the widows, children and parents of deceased colored troops, was rejected after some debats. Mr. Gowan offered a substitute for the bill as amended, "that from and after the passage of this act all soldiers of the United States of the same arm of the service shall receive like compensation? Mr. Gowan supported his smeet dment at some length, clasting that the negro must be regarded as a citizen under the Constitution, as he restrict the projection of the laws. Pending the question on the substitute the Senate adjourned.

"AUNT," inquired a medical prodigy of 15, fresh from a lecture on surgery, "what do you think the most difficult operation in surgery?" "Don't know, Charley—what?" "Taking the jaw off a woman," answered the hope-

#### THE IDLER ABOUT TOWN.

THE Arion Society's Ball was an institution from the first year of its existence, for it differed from all other balls in its thoroughly Teu onle characteristics of fun, good-humor and social abandon, Year by year it has been growing morg and more popular, mill this year it became a strug, eand a fight to procure admission, and many thousands, after all their was tions were downed to be disampented and exe tions, were doomed to be disappointed and to stay at home in the best humor they could afford, We never miss the Arion bell, if but for one reason-our passion for noses! We love to study that noble organ, and there we can meet with a greater variety than all the rest of the world our sford. What a fund of genius has been exhausted in the creation of these muttiform modifications of the nusul adornment, and muitiform modifications of the next adornment, and how piquant, succy and intelligent they all are! It seems to us that we were nower so much interested as while talking to an impossible nose, and receiving back answers in a low tone, which was certainly un adulterated music, and came from lips that could not possibly belong to that nose. We ourselves have assumed a nose, leaving all the rest of the face unhidden, and have talked to our most intimate friends unrecognised. That nose gave us a cast in the eye one way, and made us squint on the other; it made our mouth awry, broadened our checks, and seemed to lengthen our ears! There is no disguise equal to a nose that does not belong to you. Although as few tickets as possible were sold, every available part of tickets as possible were sold, every available part of the Academy of Music was througed to overflowing on Thur aday evening. There was, of course plenty of dancing, but it was of a rather cramped-up characon Thursday evening. There was, of course plenty of dencing, but it was of a rather cramped-up character; still, as every one seemed to expect to be jostled and rubbed against, no one complained, but hore every inconvenience with perfect good-humor. What gigantic Germans were there! How they swelled out with fan and frolle! How they entered into the spirit of the thing, and how their fair companions met them more than half-way! What rich and beautiful dresses, what exquetting, what laughter, what an atmosphere of intense erjoyment around and about everywhere! We can imagine how the degants who sat in state in the private box circle, lot king down upon the fure, wished they had then their chance relow and had gone in for amusement. How well they got up that light in the amphithea re! how the rows awayed to and fro to get a sight of the combatants! and how every heart thrilled with horrors we to sturdy Teuton threw a third surdy Teuton clear over the amphitheatre into the parquette! and how the thrill of horror was turned into sarieke of laughter as the figure, instead of falling into the parquette, remained suspended midways by the seat of its; autacoss! Rough fun perhaps, but it was fun without adoubt. If Blondia was nivit d—which we are inclined to doubt—be c-rtainly did not come; but the r-pe was there, and was crossed in a triumpbut manner by an dipose German genith man when ame did not apoear, but who was said by our Artist's friends to be Mr. Layfigure. The procession required as of old, containing some strog social and political hits, which were heartly reliabled by every one in the house.

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When the masks were withdrawn there was a display of beauty but rarely seen congregated together in one a semblage. After that the dancing went on with more spirit than ever, and when we left, which was eway in the small hours of the morning, there seemed no diminution of the Terpsichotean spirit.

Notwithstanding the change in the Opera nights, in deference to the season of Lent, the stordance has been, if possible, more brilliant and elegant than ever. Not only did the ladies outly their former elegane, but the gentlemen conformed more strictly to the roles of seed I life, which demand that a certain etiquette of dress shall be slopted, but which has been abaufully neglected by the gentlemen in all places of public amusement until very lately. Now however, fall dress at the Opera is rather the rule than the exception, and this is a deference to the magnificent tollettes of the ladies which is justly their due. There has been pothing new produced since our last. Faust" ann "I lone" were magnificently performed and drew overflowing audience. "If Poliuto" will be produced this week, and we shall probably have to record the first appearance of Sygnor Brignoil this season, who has been engaged by Maretzek. Judging ty appearances, the season which has commenced so brilliantly will not be allowed to flag for want of new excitements.

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Got schalt's concerts commence next week, at Niblo's Soloon, a place altogether too small for his attraction; but as Irving Hall could not he got, there was no other resource. The names of the artists who will seals thim are not yet announced. These concerts are amounced as bis farewell concerts before going to Europe, but rumor says they are only his farewell to bachelordom; that, in fact, Gottschalk is about to be wedded to youth, beauty and wealth, afer which be will retire from public life. If this rum r be true, Gottschalk should give a series of farewell mo(u) rning concerts to the ladies of America, for if there ever was an artist who rode into fame on the admiration of the beautiful of the world, Gottschalk is that man. The concert of Emil Mollenhauer, the boy violinist, was a great success at Niblo's Saloon on Monday last. Was a great success at Niblo's Saloon on Monday last. The audience was very large and enthusias 'ie, and the oreer of the young violinist must be looked upon as having commenced successfully.

Mr. Alfred H. Pease, the American pianist, who has recently re urned from Germany, gave his first concert at Dodworth's Salcon, on Monday evening last week before a large and elegant audience. Mr. Pease plyed several pieces, each of which was encored, a result which woull not have been arrived at before a mircellances sudience, but he did not impress us very favorably. He has mu he accuration of a certain aind, but his playing is devoid of character. He seems painfully conscious of the difficalties he is executing, and one hand seems even to wait upon the other, as though uncertain if it could be trusted alone. In the pieces which he played by Li st, his want of style was not his only fault; he gave no evidence that he had the slightest conception of the meaning of the composition save by the name in the programme. It is possi

reason to modify our opicion, but as it stands now we ennot place him among our first-class players in New York.

A Grand Testimorial Concert is to be given, on the 3d of March next, to Mr. L. F. Havrison, of Irving Hall. We call especial attention to this fact because, it is in the case of Mr. Harrison. To him the public and the artists are slike largely indebted; for by his liberality, enterprise and untiring energy he has, for the amusement of the first, called into existence whole series of entertainments which but for him would never have seen the light; and for the scoud, he has opened new avonues for the display of their ability, and for the acquirement of money and fame. Of course, the list of performing artists will be overwhelming; the only difficulty will be how to choose; but, as the committee is a distinguished and most the affair will be made an overwhelming success, to only such a result will be worthy the mails of the object of the testimonial.

Mr. J. N. Pattison gives his first grand concert at Irving Hall on the 27th inst. He will be assisted by some first class artists. Our readers are so familiar with the high abilities of Mr. Pattison and of his claims to the support of the musical public, that we have no need to advance asything in his favor; yet we will say, that never in our experiesce has young planist races as steadily and so rapidly to the first pestition by conscientions seedly, and by the solumnition of the public, as in the case of Mr. Pattison. Re his won his position by conscientions seedly, and by

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Westland Marston's play "Pure Gold," the here of which is a co-vict, the present pet weekness of society, has made a success at Wellack's. It is quite interesting, fluely acted, and is put on the stage in the most perfect marner. It will be alternated with "Ruedule" for some time to come.

Byrack's builtingue on "Il Trovatore!" was played at the Olympic, for one week, to overflowing houses; but for some reason or other it has been withdrawn to make was for "The Pride of the Minket!" in which Mrs. John Wood appears as Marton, and Mr. Frank Drew as Isadera.

"The Ticket-of-Leave Map" still continues to crowd Winter Gorden night after night.

The Harrison English Opera Cimpany will aprear at Fible's Saloon on Weducaday and Thursday evenings. Mr. J. R. Thomas is engised, and will add greatly to the strength of the company.

At Barune's Muccum the Giants and the Dwarfs continue to attract crowds of curiosity-reckers in connection with the contiless wooders of cention with which the place abounds. The new drams, "Helvel; or the Gilley Slave of Touron," is the attraction of the Lecture Room, and is pronounced a great success. A visit to Barunm's is always worth double the money charged.

#### EPITOME OF THE WEEK.

Domestic.—Trivity School, a well-known Protestant Episcopal Educational Institution in this city, has just come into the possersion of property (red estate and funded) to the value of \$300,000, through the fortunate termination of a lawault. The litigation has been a bitterly contested and long one, extending through a period of over thirty years.

— Some physicians have given it as their opinior that diobtheria is a new disease, caused by the prevalent use of kerosene oil.

— Al dy took be ricee lately to a country photographer, to have her portrait taken. While the auniwas engaged with the operator, the there swallowed some of the preparations and died in a few minute from the effects of the poison.

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Gan, Butler has expelled Mr. Shore, the Fortess Mouve correspondent of the World and News, for what he terms disloyal articles. Mr. Shore denied the charge, and says that he was merely the agent for sending on the Richmond papers to New York when they arrived by a boat of truce.

— A teacher in a Carbolic Sundey School in Boston has been arrested for striking one of the pupils so violently as to endanger her life.

— There are 8.192 children in the public schools.

There are 8.192 children in the public schools of Jersey C.ty, and 2,103 in those of Hoboken.

— A bill is to be introduced in the New Jersey Legislature, at the present session for the creation of a new county, to be composed of the city of Newark and a portion of Harrison township, the latter being in Hudson county.

— A but her in Grand street has hit upon a very ingenious way to attract cus'om. He arranges with his ass's aut to get up a begus row, the excuse being the wickedness of his mun selling meat so cheap that he only realises the prime cost. The consequence is that quite a crowd is creet "d. and the but before manages to sell half a descriptions by this is genious dodge.

— The Brit'sh author'ties at Hollfax have decided upon returning the Cheapeake to her owners.

The price of gold has remained at the average of 158.

A meeting was half at the O'dfellows' Hali, Hoboken, on the '2 h of February, in behalf of the Swit ry Fair. It was very enthusiastic, although one speaker did his heat to clear the hall by a remarkably dull speech. Gen. Wright, however, came to the rescue, and wound up the meeting with great colat.

Southern.—It sphesrs from the Richmond papers that two rebule awallers, named D wis and Reynolds, captured four negroes belonging to the Hone Gurd of Firsax county, and took them towers Dumfries. The cap of a few and took them towers a Dumfries. The cap of a few seep on the way, and the prisoners, in order to avoid the fate that might beful them in Dixie, clove the skulls of the rebels with some sharp instrument and made good their escape

— In Ware county, Ga., on the night of Jan. 23d a negro entered the house of a lady where there were no makes and volated her rerson. He was reconsised, and the next day nursued by dogs, saught, contemned by a jury of citizens, and burned to death

— A gentleman occupying a high position, rays that Jeff Davis's son, by his slave girl Ca'harine, was in the Federal service on hoard of one of our gunbats in the Mississippi for several monihs—a lively mulacto. Among the letters of Jeff taken at his house by our Illiuois troops, there was a betch of quer esome epistics between Jeff and Mrs. Davis, touching this o'd flame Cathariae.

The Montgomerv Mail, Ala., says the idea is prevalent that the rebel Government is about to move to Columbia, S. C. to which place the arseral wa-transferr d over a month spo

— Gen. Magruder, the well-known Bacchanalian rebel, his arrived at Southampion, Eng., from Texes, in the English steamer Afrato, on his way to Rich-mond.

Military.—One of Gen. Grant's staff writes that such is the wonderful change in the semilments of the people in Albama, Tenuessee and Mississippi, that an officer of the U.ion runy can travel in those States without being issuled, and can obtain refreshments in the farmbuses.

The work on the soldiers' cemetery at Chattanooga is going rapidly on; 24 bodies have already been interred.

— We emitted to state in our notice of the Ladies' National Army Relief Association, that Mr. Bull, 177 Water street. New York, is the treasurer; and Mr. Blunt, of 179 Water street, one of the directors. Those who wish to allevide the saferings of our wounded and sick soldiers are invived to send their contributions to those gentlemen. The distribution is made by experienced and competent persons.

Personal. - Mrs. Gra. Tom Thumb gave birth to a son on the 12th icst. So the New York Sun rays.

— Brignoll has sued an impressario for sulary not forthcoming. The "allver-voiced" tenor was to re-ceive \$1,600 a month. — The Queen of Bohemis, Ada Clare, has left New York to Callforn's. She is one of the brightest quilidrivers that ever wors crinoline.

— The late Mrs. Willy ons, who left £40,003 sterling to Mr. Disraell, was a Jouress—Barah, daughter and heiress of Nunez de Costa.

Burger, the great billiard-player, has now settled yons, where he has become the proprietor of the du XIXe. Siècle, which he re-opened on Christ-Der. Las Day

has Day.

An English writer describes the Duke of Auguster burg, about whose succession to the Go.ernment of Hole ein Europe is threatene; with war, as a sail man, over six fee high, with hazel heir, blue eyes, light eyebrows good complexion, manner somes hat slow but stately, and speech is date, with a slight peculiarity. He talked "talbly," and seems altogether a well-intentioned but somewhat slow and heavy person, who will govern Hole ich without many hunders, without being a very dangerous personage in Europe. The English writer is evidently a wag. vag.

The St. Louis Republican, of the 9th inst...
editori diprefers to the connection of Gen. Grant's
name with the Presidency, and with an air of authority
\*\*195: "Gen. Grant is not going to trouble himself
much concerning there movements of politicisms. It
is not to his taste. His intention is to close the war
s soom as possible, and he wants to be foot-loose, not

hampered by political entanglements. He asks no other duty now. He is not, and will not be, a candidate for the Presidency at the forthcoming election, and politicians may trim their sails accordingly."

— Rossini, the celebrard comprary, will complete h's 72d year on the 20th February. He consequently his a birthed y aren's reary obly once in every four yers. The 20th February is an excellent easy to marry on, sibre a mur is thus spared three-fourths the agony of teing reminded of it.

— Fernando Wood's ball, in Washington, was a grand surcess; the ladies of the diplomane cope attended, wearing their court jewels. What an honor!

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Obituary.—Com. Wm. J. McCluny, U. S. N., died at his residence, in Brooklyn, Feb. 11. At the time of Fis cests he had been in the service 52 vers. He entered the navy in 1812, and was an acting Lieuteuant in the fight between the Wesp and Freil. He was attached to the Jone or petition under Com. Perry. From 1838 to 1800 he commanded the home squadren. He had seen 21 years' seaservice, and spent considerable of his time on shore and other duty. He was universally belovedend respected, and his loss will be severely felt among a large circle of friends.

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friends.

— William Behnes, the reulptor, dird lately. A few years ago he was in good practice, especially as a modeller of buts, and he pessessed natural telents sufficient to have raised him to one of the highest places of his noble railing. But he fell into trobles about money and other things, which preyed on his spirits. The best judges, however, thought very highly of his works. Of late he lived much alone. He died in the Middlesex Hospital, Londor.

— The Duke of Cleveland died at Raby Cast'e, Ergland, Jan. 18, betweeen three and four P.M. His grace had been scriously ill for a few days.

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Accidents and Off-ress.—At Eutrert, Me...

Ist week a sphber entered the house of Rev. T. V.

Adams, and The 880 from the desk in his study. In
four days afterwards, the thief appears to have been
consectneed, as all the morey, except \$10, was
placed in a package upon Mr. Adams's deorstep.

— The mys'ery of the Melden Bank murder has
been solved. The culprit turns out to be Mr. Greene,
the Postmester of the town, a man who till now had
borne an irrevroachble character. It specus that,
seeing young Converse alone in the back, the temptation was too much for him, so he drew his revolver,
and taking him unawares, shot him twice through the
head.

— Averdict of graits of reader in the con-

— A verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree has been given agairs. Walters, a returned soldier. It appears that on his return from the war he found his mistres, Neney Vincent, living in a disreputable house in Centre street. This so incerned him that he att ched her with a kuife and killed her, after inflicting 18 wounds. His counsel's defence was that he was insane.

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Foreign.—A painful rumer has reached England of the murder of Dr. Livingstene by the natives, carles, the solds to the pain of this ocurrence to know that the reported murder was insigated by white men—Portuguese—in reseased in the slave trade. A less well-authenticated report represents that Dr. Livingstore, though at acked and desperately wounded, was not yet dead.

— It is said by the Observer that Queen Victoris, has declared herse if against Denmark very decidedly in the Schleswig-Holst in imbroglie, but for unately Sovereigns have little influence in England.

— The Lordon Times, in an article on the American war, frankly owns that the chief reason why it, in common with all Englishren (which is a slander upon the body of the people), whated the Union to be broken up was, that if is grow h was not checked it would become an powerful at the sharger the supermercy of England. This has the rare merit of great candor.

great cancer.

The immense number of French officers and engineers sent from France to Marico during the last two months leads to the belief that a change has bromade in Napoleon's programme, and that it is now his intention to convert that splend'd country into a French province, like Algiers. As the chances of an European war decrease, so will his leaning increase towards a projectorate.

- The winter in Turkey is the severest known for very many years.

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— An English papers remarks upon the anomalous apperance of Quien Victoria in deep widows weeds and her daught rain the highlest colors.

— John Bright has made two speeches in England which have given great off ned to the ruling classes. Punch satures both height and Coheen. as men who wish to transfer the legislation of England to the ignorant and deplayed classes.

to the ignorant and depraved classes.

The great divorce scandal case of O'Kene against Loro Painerston has made another step, as Mes. "K relias paths he reaser to her husbad's name and, the a classes that the is not the or feed O'Kane, and that so is not guity of the crime charged against her. The "ir jured husbane?" claims \$2000 for the injury he he sustained through the gelaut and venerabe Lotharo, Lord Painersfor. It is an evident attempt at extortion, and will don't less end by the aroused and his attemps he may protect that proceedings to that end had been taken against O'Kane and his lawyers.

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Art, Literature and Science.—William S. Mount, the comic painter of American life, has provided binself, at bis retifence in the country. With a morable studio. It can be drawn from blee to piece on wheels by a pair of herses, and when stationary can be turned about from one polot of view to another, so as to allow the artist staining confertully within, to make, not mer by stations but the most deliberate and fluished studies from active. On one ado of the room the wall is formed by a large parallelogram of strong plate gloss, like these used in the more sumptions shops in Broadway, but of the most perfect at discriptive the stone in the painter require—easely, tables, drawers for the painter and a store for kerping the room warm a cold weather. The ventiation of the room is also provide weather. The ventiation of the room is also provide fauld of a writer lendecape my re transferred to the canvas, at the artist's perfect leisure, when the mercury in Fibrenheirs thermometer is below zero.

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— Mrs. Henry C. Wa'son's second private recitations, at Chiekering's elegant piano-rooms, was attended by a brilliart and fashion-ble audience, and was even more luccessful than her first. These recitations have none of the dryess of ordinary readings. They are efforts of memory, and have all the spontaneity of impremptu (locution. The infroduction or ocal litustrations, artistically managed and becutifully rendered, add greatly to the introduction of ocal litustrations, artistically managed and becutifully rendered, add greatly to the interest, and lighten up the programme wonderfully. Mrs. Watson has a voice espable of the most exquirie modulations, and she uses it with a still which, from its purfect naturalness, would seem to be intuitive. It is capt'le of the expression of every pass on, and we do but if any elocutionary effect ever exceeded her reader; gof For's "Bels," than which so poem demands as wonderfully a variety of intensity to proceed to make as wonderfully as the causing month, and will, we believe, create an artistic excitoment.

Mr. Bernard, the Secretary of the Dramatic Fund Association, informs us that on the 234 of April next (on which day, had he lived, Stake speare would have completed his third century), the

managers of the U. S. theatres will give a perform-ance for the breeft of the Dramatic Fund. Wallek, Wheatey, Stuart and the principal New York menagers were very prompt in their answers.

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— A soulptor thus describes how staturs are mide: The sculptor having designed a figure, first makes a she'ch, if it in clay a few inches coly in height. When he has astisfied himself with the general attitude a cast is father of his sketch, as for with a morel in clay is retrouved of the fuel size tell a general string and string whether half the natural beight, or life-size, or colossal. The process of height is the clay, as it is sail in, upon the sire of iron aromaterno skeleton on which it seems on its perest. I am the bending and fixing this aromaternount short of a purely may real sort, for whose terformance of another or and sort, for whose terformance of a rathes able to afford it emple; the skilled workmen to be obtained a Rome. The rough clay, rudely, assuming the shap of the intended states, then peace is not southern's hands and undergors his most caborat in right short, by which it is released (generally after the labor of several months) to the precise and perfectly finished from the clay is overroyed. From this last relater, east again in due time, the mirble is him by three successive workmen. The first gives it rough our line, the second brings it by rule and compass to clear resimblance with the c.ss, and the third stristes the condition of our country: "The second or is selection.

ciese resemblance with the cost, and the third ittishes it to p. rection.

Chit-Chat.—A London pantomime thus satirises the condition of our country: "The scere open p shows two shops, very Crespsidy in opperance over the larger one of which 's the sign, 'A. R. Lincola & Co., hardware men and general dealers.' On the next is 'J. Davis & Co., cottos crekers.' On the former deoral and wirdows are robres, in orrowing all interested that paper was wasted, and just beneath that greenbacks might be had in any quantity. There was also a large placerd, 'This shoo one and the same with that next door.' On the shop of J. D. & Co., the most prembent theserd's 'No connection with the concernment door.' In the window is a large Confeder to flig, on which is printed, 'Two rams wanted mindistity.' Another is, 'A flow houses, sheep, women and other cutle for side.' Then comes on the flight, which is of course a priscipht. I satis are our worky president are characteristically dressed, and the fight goes on until they both get into a loa; which box Herlequis strikes and Columbine darees about, and it flies epen in front, revealing the symbol of our American future in the two large hears and tills of the Kilkenny cars."

— It is a strgular fact that the statue of Freedom with the present of the course.

Wich now surmounts the repital of Washington was cest by saves. The work was come by the slaves of Clark Mil's, the artist, before they were emandpated by the state of Congress removing slavery from the D. str. 7 of Columbia.

in the army, but never grieved so much at parting with all of them as har?

— In Mayenee, on the Rhine, where the annual consumption of wire is 300 bottles are adult "gout, delirium termens and liver completits are quite unknown." The use of the wine is proof anough that there are good liversthere.

— Mr. Alexan'er Hard Baring. M. P., was recently married to the Bon. Lacoron Carabine Digby, a daughter of Lord Digby. The wedding dieses of the bride is thus described in an E. glast journel: "The bride was attired in a dr. as of the richest white gress artique, trimmed with ruches covered with boddlors of tulle, with a ruche of magnificent Brussels point lace, looped up with roughts of orange flowers the body and sleeves covered with Brussels point lace, looped up with roughts of orange flowers and real of Brussels point lace to correspond, wreath of crange flowers and real of Brussels point lace to correspond, wreath of crange flowers and real of Brussels point lace to correspond, wreath of crange fivers and real of Brussels point lace to match the unite, with dismond be alone and carabine fellow, put him in a coffin with the lid left so as he could satify relative to the flower of the liquor of the liq

There is an Abraham Lincoln Club in New Orleans and the chairman is a la go slave owner Wonfers are becoming common.

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— Artenus Ward (Brown) is lying seriously iil at Sait Lake City, of typhoid fever.

— During the rest operations on the Rapidon a company of volunteers was deployed as skurmishers in roat of the enemy's works. While under a shirp fire from thereak! unshers a wounded private want to the rear, leaving this gus on the field. An unarroad roid or belonging to shother regiment pleaded up the gun and was moving away when a licurement halfs him with, 'Hild on there; dro that gun. How do you suppose I can settle my ordenee accounts?'

— A young men recedity press ted himself for exemination as Assistant Engineer in the nay. Among other questions, the following was saked of him: 'Suppose you had huilt an engine you said, performed every parts of the work without assistance and knew that it was be complete on e., but when put into a versal the pump would not draw water, what would you do?' The young man promply replied: 'I should so to the side of the vessel and ascertan if there was any water in the rever.'

# CAPT. DICK'S WHALE

"By jingo! sir!" says the captain, "I've followed the sea for forty years, and I never was really frightened but that once !"

I saw that Capt. Dick Robbins had a ctory tis mird, and was anxious to get it off, and I assequally arxious to indulge him, therefore I said, "How was that, captain? Can't you tell us the

"Well!" responded the captain, "it's nigh on to fifteen years ago, and I haven't as good memory as I once had, but I'll give the thing as near as I

can.
"You must understand that I was once in the ing line, and York in command of one of the finest shins in the trade, the Mary Plummer, of which I held a half share. We were bound to the North Atlantic, and my crew had been shipped upon shares, that is, instead of wages they were each to receive a portion of the fishing as payment. Many of them were men that had been out with me before, and with whom I was immensely popular. It was this popularity, I suppose, that led to a resolve on the part of the men that each should forego his share, and that the first whale taken should be wholly mine. After this resolve a bright lookout was kept, and I believe truly that every man was as anxious to see the first fish, as though it was to be his own property. 'Capt. Dick's whale' was common talk with them, and its estimated value as freely discussed as though we already had him aboard in oil.

"At last, one day, the lookout at the masthead

shouted 'There she blows!' and in an instant the before lary ship was a scene of life and bustle.

The larboard and starboard boats were lowered

The larboard and starboard boats were lowered away, and into one of them I sprang, determined to have a hand in killing the first fish.

"Now then, beys, pull away for Captain Dick's whale!" shouted the steersman of my boat, and the boys, with a cheer, struck out heartily for the fish, which was somewhat less than five miles any.y. We were soon up with it, and I acted as horponer with great applouse, criking the iron deep into the fish, and geding a hold not easy chaken off. Away he went like a flash, but to our great actouish to ze, instead of following up his rapidity of movement, stopped not more than four hundred yards off, and lay purfectly still. We hesitated for an instance and then stretching to our oars, pulled towards him. Scarcely had we made half a dozen strokes when we were horrified to see the monster turn, and with a fearful speed bear directly down upon the boat. There was no time to think, for almost before a minute had elapsed he was upon us with wide stretched jaws, and barely leaving the twelve men. who were in it time to throw themselves into the s a, he crunched the boat into atoms, scarce leav. ing a piece floating as large as a water bucket. The other boat came directly to our aid, and the whale awimating leisurely away, we were picked up without the diss of a town
"All this i as been seen by the lookov's on

board the ship, and another boat was instantly of a patched to our selief. We waited quietly for its coming up, for though some of my men were rate or scared at the demonstration of the monster, yet had determined to tackle him again, feeling as though he was my own property, and I had a right to him on board ship in the shape of oil. There-fore when the boat came up we started for a second attack, and soon reached within about a hundred yards, and tried to get round at his side for another blow. This the whale was determined we should not do, and each effort that we made only ended an inding him presented in full front to us. There was nothing for it, therefore, but to pull straight on, which no cooner did he perceive than, with a dash the same as before, he came at the leading boat. This time se had not even warning enough to throw ourselves overboard, and before we could even think the boat was cracked like a nut, and two of my men were crushed in the monster's jawa two of my men were crushed in the monster's Jaws so fearfully that they sank into the waves like stones. As before, we were picked up by the other boat, and now with three boat's crews in one, we were compelled to return to the ship, though every one of us was full of the desire for vengeance, and to find in the death of the whale some satisfaction for the destruction of our comrades.

"We pulled steadily on and were soon on board, but nothing would satisfy the men less than a fifting out of the other boats, and a determined chase of the monster to the death. I would not at once yield, because I wanted to get the ship nearer to the scene of action, and a fresh breeze springing minist then from the measured was were acon second. up just then from the westward, we were soon speeding towards the spot of our disaster. We had scarcely gone a mile when I saw the whale directly making towards the ship. I know him in an instant, there was no mistaking his wicked look or his open jaws, to say nothing of my harpoon sticking prominently out from his side. He came within fifty yards of the ship, reisurely swimming all around us and stretching his vast jaws occasionally, as though calculating his capacity to swallow us whole. I must confess that my eves followed him with some sickening misgiving, and even when he swam in a direct line away I was not satisfied, and good cause I had; for, before I could realise the fact, I haw the great fish turn suddenly, and with the speed of a steamer under full way bear directly down upon the ship. He struck us about midships with a force that I can liken to nothing but the shock of an earthquake. Every timber in the sa cracked, and the foretopmast'snapped abort off a cracked, and the foretopmist'snapped anort off a came upon deck. I was terrified beyond all description, for I knew that the blow had destroy the chip, and that in less than an hour all han would be at the mercy of the fierce destroyer. I only writed long enough to see it swim once more away from us, possibly for another attack, and the ran below. It was just as I thought, there was a hole big enough to admit the body of a man a confeet below the water-line, and the ship was sinking. "There was nothing for it but to get out the remaining boars and, recurring such provisions as we could, leave the ship to its fite, and meet our own with the monthly time to lower away and save what few things we could get hold of when the good ship went down, and our crew were upon the broad

went down, and our crew were upon the broad ocean in three frait boats.

"My story ends here, for the whale was satisfied with his destruction of the ship and did not show himself again, and the third day after we were picked up by an English brig and landed at Liver-

pool.
"It is a good while ago, but I'll be bound that not one man that was aboard the good ship Mary Plummer will ever forget Captain Dick's whale."

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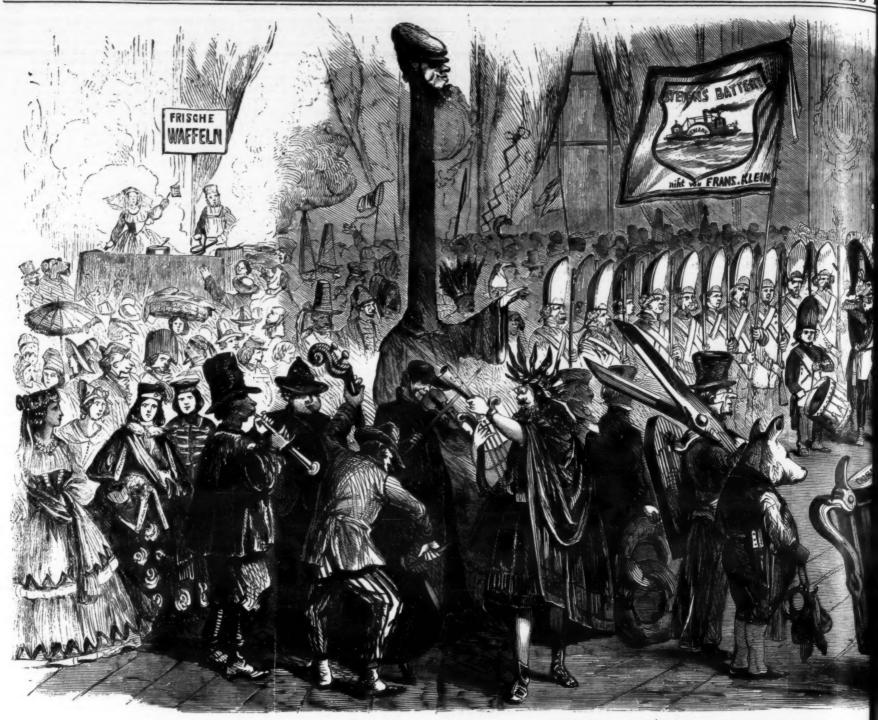
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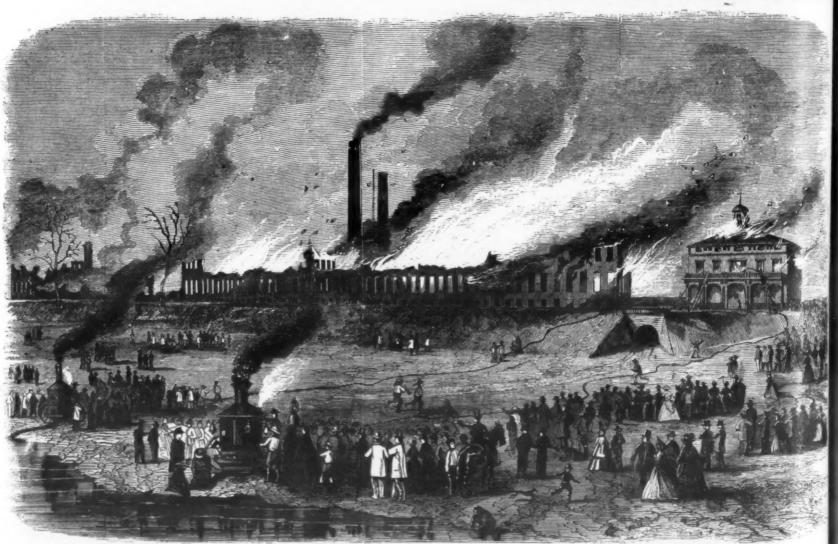
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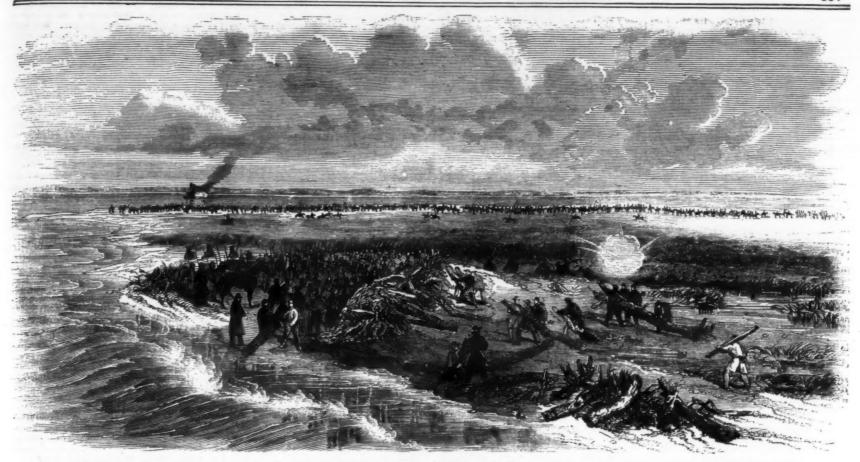
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#### IN THE HOSPITAL.

BY J. W. WATSON.

Down the long row of narrow beds The fair-faced nurse in silence treads, Laying her hand on aching heads, And soothing with a touch. And many a dim and sunken eye Lights up to see her form go by, And prays unto the Power on High For more of such.

At one the tones of prayer are heard, Another claims a kindly word, While softly by a moaning third She stands the minister to pain. A bandage, drawn a thread too tight, Needs but the touch of fingers light, To make the lips that once were white Now red again.

Beside a soldier's couch she stands, And holds his nerveless, shrunken hands, And were he lord of many lands No brighter face could smile Into the woful, wearied breast, His pallid palms in silence prest, calm its sad unrest By every wile.

He whispers in her lowered ear Some words that thrill our hearts to hear: "My mother! oh, my mother dear! Fair lady, let me write." She took from out his powerless hand The pen, and wrote at his command The words that here recorded stand, A saddening sight.

"Oh, mother! mourn not for your son, His wounds have been full nobly won, But still his lifework is not done. Dear mother, hear me tell How strong my heart and limbs have grown; To-morrow I shall walk alone,

And then once more you'll see your own; I'm getting well!

"To-morrow I will turn my face To thee, and to that much-loved place Where all my inner life I trace; My long deserted home. The surgeon says, my arm no more Can bridle hold, or broadsword draw; That I must leave the clash of war, And cease to roam!

"And so, dear mother, ill to me Brings life anew, I know, to thee. Well! though 'tis hard, so let it be; And I will fondly try To win away this woful pain, And be once more a boy again, God grant the trying not in vain. And so-good-bye!"

The soldier closed his sunken eyes, And murmured still his sad "Goodbyes!"

Until the sound in murmuring dies.

The nurse, with folded scroll, And tearful eyes, bent low her head; The soul immortal swiftly fled, To wait among the countless dead For the long roll.

Then stoops the lady young and fair, And severs one brown lock of hair, And with a tear, enfolds it where

The mother's eye shall see. She writes upon the tear-wet scroll, "Thy son has reached his earthly goal, God grant full mercy to his soul, And peace to thee!"

To-morrow! and to-morrow still! Oh, mother! how those words will fill Your sadly aching heart, until

The last, long bugle sounds; When on the day of grand review, Among the loyal and the true, Your boy steps forth to welcome you To Heavenly grounds.

# CLARA;

A Story of Life in Africa. By John B. Williams, M. D.

CHAPTER III .- EXPLANATIONS.

THE hot sun darted his rays on the young man's ead, and made him suffer much. He had scarcely

proceeded three miles before he was bathed in perspiration and could scarcely breathe, and was compelled to stay a moment to rest under the shade of a clump of trees. He threw himself on the ground, and pressing his two hands to his burning forehead, prayed to God that he might die. Suddealy he heard the gallop of two horses, he hurriedly arose, but had scarcely got on his feet when he saw Clara Roschoff appear in sight. She rode one horse and held another by the bridle.

"At last I have found you, Charles!" she cried,



The Colonist's Generous Offer.

leaping, to the ground. "Heavens! how hot you are and how you must suffer! I have brought you a horse. Father knows nothing about it." Norton thought she was merely insulting him, for

he ascribed his present punishment to her. He picked up his heavy package of implements, and

without uttering a word resumed his journey.

The young girl, very much confused, followed him with a sad step. She could no longer resist her feelings, but burst into sobs.

"Charles," she cried, "what have I done that you should treat me thus?"

He looked at her with an air of stupefaction as she stood in the middle of the road, with her hands joined together and with the tears streaming down her cheeks. In spite of his anger, he was moved.

really cannot understand your greet, Clara, he. "It seems to me that it should be in my said he. place to ask you what I have done that you always try to render my melancholy position more odious

"I!" cried Clara, in a tone of astonishment.
"Oh, Charles, how can you say that? I, who would give all the world to save you a single annoy-

"Really," he replied, in a tone of bitterness, "I do not know what you mean. Was it not you who excited your father's anger against me, on account of what passed between us a little while ago?"

"Oh, heavens!" cried the poor girl, joining her hands together, "can you believe me so wicked? I assure you that I did not say a single word to my father. It was Jacob, who no doubt overheard us. I beseech you to believe me, Charles. It was really

Her tears interrupted her. She fell on the grass and sobbed bitterly. This time, in spite of ap-pearances, Norton felt that she told the truth. He



Clara's Grie at Charles's refusing Assistance.

regretted 1 s unjust reproaches. He threw the package of implements on the ground, and kt celing by Ciara's side, who still continued to weep, he did his best to console her. A few words which escaped her lips at last revealed the whole truth to

the young American."
"Come, Ciars," said he, "calm yourself. I see

that I was wrong to regard you as my enemy."
"I, your enemy!" she cried. "I, who think only of you. And yet how you treat me! Every time that I come very you or address a word to you, you receive me so harshly. I know that I am not so hardsome as the gills of your country, that I have neither their mind nor education; but it is not my fault, and you will never find any one that loves you more than I do

Ashamed of the confession that had escaped her lips, poor Ciara hid her face between her hands and

Charles sat beside her and gently removed the young girl's hands, and by a motion full of gratitude and tenderness carried them to his lips. Clara blushed and then turned pale. She timily glanced at the young man, and then let her head fall on his

"Dear Clara, how unjust I have been towards you!" said the young American, in an affectionate

"Then you do not hate me as I thought?" she

"Hate you! Certainly not; on the contrary, I love you with all my heart."
"As much as Susan?" said she, with anxiety,

which she vainly endeavored to conceal under smile

"Much more than Susan." "Really ?"

"On my honor."

"Oh, how happy I am!" she cried.

There was something, however, wanting to render
her happiness complete. Although unaccustomed to penetrate the secrets of the heart, she f lt confusedly, and by a sort of instinct, the difference between the affection that Charles showed and the love that she experienced for him. At that meat, it is true, the young American's heart, so long isolated and chilled, overflowed with gratitude and affection, but his feeling for Clara was no stronger than this. If ideas of love and marriage came into his mind it was only as a dream, the realization of which he never thought about. His hesitation could not be attributed to interest or ambition. The fortune of Clara's father was very considerable compared to that of Charles, who possessed noth ng in the world. His misfortunes, however, had given Norton the habit of reflecting, and he seri-ously reviewed his situation. At that moment he asked himself if he were capable of renouncing America for ever, and of loving Clara so much that he should never repent of his marriage with

Clara fancied that the young man's silence proeeeded from indifference, and she began to weep again. Perceiving that she misunderstood his seelings with respect to herself, Charies opened his whole heart to her. The poor girl thanked him for his frankness with so much tenderness that Norton's eyes filled with tears. At the moment that he was out to reply to her the sound of horses' feet galloping in the distance was heard. Clara concealed herself behind a bush, but she had not time to remove the two horses that she had brought with her. In a few moments three Hottentots arrived at the spot on horseback. One of them was Ja Oubana. He approached the young American. "What do you want?" said Norton. One of them was Jacob

"The master discovered that two horses were missing." said the Hottentot, in an insolent tone.
"He thought that you might have taken them with
you, in spice of his having forbidden it. He sent
me and my comrades to take them back to Weiz-

"There they are," replied Charles, pointing to

"What did you take them for, then?" said Jacob, proud of his mission.

Norton turued abruptly round; the Hottentot

made a bound backwards.

"Scoundrel!" cried the young American, his eyes sparkling with rage. "Who gave you the right to question me? Take them and begone."

The Hottentots took the two horses and started As soca as they had disappeared, Cir ra came from her hiding-place.

"What shall we do now?" said she, in an anxious

"My dear Ciara, there is only one course for us to follow," replied Charles; "you to return leisurely to Weisberg, and for me to continue my journey on to Om-Steny."

"Under this burning sun and burdened as you are: It will kill you," she replied.
"I am stronger than you think," he returned, affecting a galety he did not feel. Adleu, dear Ciara; I am happy that we have had an explana-

tion, and I love you with all my heart."
"I will accompany you to Om-Steny," said Cls rising up. "It was I who caused you this cruel punishment, and I will partake of it.

It was in vain that Charles scolded and supplicated, the young girl persisted in her resolu ion. Norton was at last compelled to allow her to walk by his cide. By-and-bye she wanted to take a rtion of the implements. This, however, he

would not allow. Although Roschoff's dwelling was situated in the middle of a wood, there was but little shade between Weinberg and Om-Steny. In spite of the suffering occasioned by the baraing sun, the two young people walked along with a sort of gaiety. Charles id his best to amuse poor Ciara, whose devotion touched him deeply. As for Ciara, she laughed and cried by turns. Love, and perhaps ering, had completely changed her. The po girl betrayed the secret thoughts of her heart by her wo: ds and touching attentions, and Norton was moved to his very soul. He frequently selsed the young girl's hand, pressed it in his, and conveyed it to his lips. This mute token of affection and gratitude filled her heart with happiness.

In spite of the diliger they used, they did not reach Weizberg until helf-past seven. Roschoff, whose anger had time to be appeared, already regretted the punishment he had inflicted on the young American. Pride prevented him from concessing his remorse, but he verted his bad temper on Jacob. he became of his daughter at supper rendered the Hollander very uneasy.

A servant at last announced the fact that Norton

was approaching. Roschoff was very much sur-presed to find his daughter Ciara in company with the young American, and to perceive that her limbs trembled and that her face gave evidence of great fatigue.

"Do not scold Charles," said she to her father, who met her in the hall. "It was I who delayed him. I will tell you all.'

She fell into a scat and fainted.

In spite of his apathetic character and violent temper, Roschoff loved his daughter. Clara's condition made him forget all about Norton. Perhaps he was not sorry to find a pretext which prevented him from taking any notice of Charles's delay. When Miss Roschoff was restored to consciousness she was conveyed to her chamber and put to bed. She awoke the next morning in a violent fever, brought about in all probability more by her excited feeling; than by the heat and fatigue. In spite of the delirium that seized her, the poor girl was able to tell her father all that had occurred. But before doing so she made him swear on the Bible that he would not scold Charles. In her delirium, which happily lasted only two days, she repeated every moment

"Father, do not scold Charles, it was I who was the cause of all."

Thanks to the girl's robust constitution, her illness did not last long. Norton was less fortunate. He had been imprudent enough to drink several glasses of cold water when he returned to Weisberg. He fell seriously ili.

Tormented by his daughter and yielding also to secret remorse, Roschoff called in the nearest physician. It was necessary to send ninety miles for him. After having dired and examined the invalid, the disciple of Esculapius mounted his horse and shook his head in a significant man Time, however, provid that the doctor's sinister forbodiags were not to be realised. Norton suddenly got better at the moment that everybody believed him dying. The first person he recognised when he recovered his consciousn'ss was Clara, seated by his bedside. In his delirium the invalid had spoken of America. He had also repeated con-tinually the name of a favorite sister of his who had died quiet young, and whose name was

Clara fancied this Sarah was the young girl he loved. This thought was almost a deathblow to to the poor girl. When Norton, touched by her devotion, gratefully thanked her, she smiled sadly, and turned away her head to hide her tears.

Charles was soon able to get up and take short walks. One day he was seated under the shade of a tree in the garden, when Roschoff came and sat down by his side. The colonist seemed to be very much embarrassed. Ten times he opened his lips to commence a conversation, and ten times he closed them again without uttering a word.

"Charles," said he at last, "I think the climate of our colony is not good for you. And then you are not fitted for a servant. This life will bill you sooner or later. You must return to your own country."

"America is a long distance off," replied Charles, " and the voyage is vary expensive."

"That is true," replied Roschoff, "but I will furnish you the means to reach your country. When y u leave Weizberg I will make you a present of a hundred head of cattle. At Graham-town or Beaufort you can sell them for three thousand rix-dollars. With this sum you can pay your passage and live in America until you find some employment."

Charles cast his eyes to the ground; he guessed the real motive which made Roschoff urge his

departure.

"I thank you for your generous proposition, but it is my duty to inform you that I have no resources in America. It will probably be impossible for me ever to repay you the money you offer me.'

"Never mind," replied Roschoff; "you can take as much as you like. After all, I shall only lose three thousand rix-dollars. It is agreed then?

"When shall I leave?" asked Norton, his mind so agitated by contradictory feelings that he did not knew whether to rejoice or be sorry at Ros-

choff's wish. "In a few days. As soon as you are enough—next week for instance."

White the young man was reflecting silently Hottentot approached.

"Mynheer Bergiter has just arrived, and asks see you." said the Hottentot to Roschoff.

Happy at having made the proposition, which had cost him so much, Roschoff hastened to follow the servant. Norton was left alone.

Until then he had longed for the time to some when he could return to America. Now, when he had the means to realise his desire, he felt oppressed by vague melanchely. Whilst he sat there with his forehead leaning against the trunk of the tree, Clara's voice made him start. The oung girl approached slowly and sat down by his

CHAPTER IV .- THE DUEL-CONCLUSION.

WHEN Charles saw Clara's gentle and affectionate glance, he experienced a feeling of relief. He took the young girl's hand and pressed it to his lips in a manner which showed his gratitude and tenderness. She blushed and sighed. "Do you know what your father has proposed

to me, Ctara?" said he.
'Yes," she replied, "he mentioned it to me eterday evening. So you are about to return to America ?"

"Probably!" he returned, stifling a sigh.

You must be very happy?"

He made no reply. "You will see your parents again?"
"I have none."

"Your friends." "A ruined man possesses none."

"You will make a fortune; father told you he rould give you two hundred head of cattle, did he not!"

"Yes-that is to say-one hundred," replied Charles mechanically, at the same time earnestly regarding Chara, and thinking of something else

besic' - the cattle offered him by Roschoft.

"Hs promised me it should be two hundred,"
murmured the young girl. "But I can lend you
some money, Charles. I have eight thousand rixdollars which I received from my mother. I will give them to you.

He made a gesture of refusal.
"Of what use is this to me?" she replied. "You will return it to se when you have made a fortune. This will compel you to think of me sometimes, ven when you have married her whom you love."
"Who is that?" said the young man very much

Miss Sarah."

"Sarah!"

"She whom you mentioned in your delirium."

Norton fixed his eyes on the young girl. He perceived that her eyes were filled with tears. He ised her hand.

"Why do you weep?" he asked.
"I do not weep," she returned, turning away "I d

her head.

Large tears rolled down the poor girl's cheeks, which she furtively dried. "So," said Charles, "you consent to give m

your fortune that I may return to America, and marry her whom I love?"

"Yes, Charles, most willingly."
"But your father will not consent to it."

"When he finds it out you will be far away."
"Then he will so 'ld you."

"What matters that?"

Suppose if you were to marry?" said Norton. "I shall not marry."

"Never?" "Never!" she repeated in a tone of the stronges

onviction. The poor girl had reached the limit of her strength. She bit her lips to prevent her from crying out. Tears coursed each other down her cheeks. Charles fell on his knees before her.

"Clara," said he in a gentle tone, "I love no one in America; no one is waiting for me there; Sarah is the name of a dearly loved sister who died years ago. I should like to remain here. I love a young girl in this country, and whom I wish to

"Susan?" asked Clara, her bosom heaving, for her heart fult the tenderness vibrating in Norton's voice.

"No, Clara, I have never been Susan's lover. She whom I love, and whom I shall love for ever, is you. Clara. You appeared a short time ago to desire that I should be happy. That now depends on you alone. Will you be my beloved wife?"

The poor girl threw her arms around the young American's neck. She still doubted. She re Charles's head away to look into his eyes. It was evident that the expression of Norton's face com-pletely reassured her, for her anxious look entirely

"How happy I am!" she murmured. "Oh! if my poor mother were only here! You really love me, Charles?"

"Yes; I love you with all my heart and soul.

And you "You know I love you. If you had gone away, Charles, I must have died of grief. Oh! Charles, love you so much, and I will make you so happy that you shall never long for your country again."
A scornful laugh was heard close by them. They

turned their heads and perceived Seroas Bergiter. Although he still continued it, it could easily be perceived that he was furious.

"Well, dancing-master," said he, in an insolent "is it customary in your country for men to make love on their knees? Do you know you look awfully soft in that position."
"Bergiter!" replied Charles, his eyes sparkling

with anger, " it is a custom in my country to chas-

tise insolence."
"Do you mean that for an insult?"

ou like to take it." Clara had disappeared; Bergiter, stifling with anger and rage, only sought for a pretext to quar-rel. He first of all gave utterance to a torrent of insults too gross for us to repeat. From insults he passed to threats, and from threats he was by Roschoff, who had made his appearance, followed by his daughter and five or six servants. While Clara spoke to Norton, Roschoff endeavored to calm his neighbor, and reproached him for his violence to an invalid. Carried away by anger and Bergiter received the remarks of the master of Weisberg with a very bad grace.

"This is all your fault," said he to the old man. "Why do you barbor such vagabonds? Although your hair is white, you are nothing better than as

"That's what you say, is it?" replied Roschoff: "you want to be master here. Well, then, I begin by telling you that I consent to the marriage of my daughter to Charles. Now, if you are not satisfied, remember that, old as I am, I am able to fire a musket as well if not better than you.

Clara threw her arms around her father's neak, and Charles selved the old man's hand and proceed

it affectionately. But Adam, carried away by his anger, pushed them on one side for the purpose of continuing his quarrel with Bergier. They both carried their muskets to their shoulders when

Norton interposed.

"If there is shooting to be done it is I who am concerned," said he, "and as I have been insulted I have the choice of weapons."

"Stuff and nonsense," interrupted Bergiter.
"We want none of your American practices here.
We are at the Cape, and you must fight with the masket as we do." musket as we do.

"Very well," said Norton; "lend me your mus-

ket, Mynheer Roschoff."

After a long debate between the young American and the old colonist, the latter was obliged to "Kill that rascal," said he to Norton, "and

Clara shall be your, as sure as my name is Adam Roschoff." "We will take our places two hundred yards dis-

tant," said Bergiter; "we will then advance and each shall fire when he pleases." "No," cried Roschoff. "I know Bergiter—if

you only give him time to take aim he is the best shot in the country. We must equalise the

"Let us take our places fifty yards distant, with our guns at our feet. We will fire at a given sig-nal. He will be most fortunate who fires the quickest and takes the surest aim."

It was Bergiter's turn to object. "And supposing that we should both be killed?"
"So much the worse for us."

"I won't agree to those conditions," said the Hollander.

Well, then, let us say a hundred yards."

After another debate Bergiter finished by agree-ing to this last arrangement. Whilst he was load-ing his gun, and Roschoff was doing the same thing

for Norton, the young American approached Clara.

"My beloved Clara," said he, "I do not know
what Providence has in reserve for me. If I die my last thoughts will be for you. Pray to God to save me, for I have never desired to live so much

as at this moment. God bless you, darling!"

She threw herself weeping in his arms. Her father separated them.

"You will make his arm tremble," cried the old man. "If you love him, remain perfectly quiet. He needs all his coolness."

While leading Coarles to his place the old man gave him a few words of advice. The hundred yards were measured off. Bergiter whistled. Charles had forgotten his illness and walked with

At last Rosehoff gave the signal by throwing his hat in the air. Norton fired first and struck the young Hollander in the shoulder. The involuntary movement the latter made when he received the ball deranged his aim. Instead of hitting Charles full in the chest, which he would undoubtedly have fone had it not been for this accident, Bergiter's

bullet only grazed Norton's forehead.
"Since there has been no result we must try

again," said Norton. "The deuce take me if I do," replied the Hol-"I am not such a fool as to risk my life a lander. second time for a girl who cares nothing about me.

You may marry her if you like, for aught I care." While he spoke he removed his coat. It was then perceived that he was wounded. Clara ran to him. He repulsed her in a brutal manner at first, but she returned to the charge. He finished by allowing her to staunch the wound, which was not

at all dangerous.

Dissatisfied and humiliated, the young colonist wished immediately to return home, and it was with the greatest difficulty that they could persuade him to remain at Weisberg. Bergiter was not really at heart a bad man, and he soon became reconciled. He even witnessed the marriage ceremony between Charles and Clara, which took place a few weeks afterwards. Every now and then he visited them at Weisberg; still he did not like Resconff to jest with him as to his matrimonial prospects. They were, however, good friends, and

often hunted together.

Adam Roschoff, still robust and vigorous, has now four grandchildren. He tells everybody who will listen to him that his son in law, Norton, is the smartest man in the colony, and if the English Government had their senses about them they would immediately appoint him Governor of the Cape of Good Hope. Clara is of the same opinion. They also try to persuade Norton, but he is conted to live happity and tranquilly with his wife and

A GREAT WATERFALL .- A detachment of

A GREAT WATERVALL.—A detachment of troops, recently scouting in the valley of the Snake or Lewis fork of the Columbis, discovered a waterfall which is doubtless justly entitled to the distinction of being called the greatest in the world. The entitie volume of Snake river pours over a sheer precipice, 198 feet high-38 feet higher than Niegara, shake river is full as large as the Niagara, and the cascade is in one solid sheet or body. The loality of this immense waterfall is near the point heret-fore designated as the Great Shoshose, or Salmon's Almost a dozen years ago the writer passed along the Bnake river road. For two days we heard the roaring of these falls, but learned no more respecting them than if they had becale the moon. It was a left that they had becale the moon. It was a left that they had becale the moon. It was a left that they had becale the moon. It was a left that they had becale the moon. It was a left that they had becale the moon. It was a left that they had becale the moon. It was a left that they had becale the moon. It was a left that they had becale the moon. It was a left that they had becale the moon. It was a left that they had becale the moon. It was a left to be fall, she river flows sound gave color to the report. For hundress of meles across that great plain, Sneke river flows through a canon, with vertical walls hundress of feet high. It is only at long intervals that salient points are found by which has river and be reached. The road evoses fr me point to point of the bends, celly approaching close to the river where there is a chance to desceed for water. From that facts very few, if any, of the tens of thousands of adventurers who have crossed the plains ever looked upon the first that had been a considered by the tourist and pleasure-seeker, and be looked upon as frequently and familiarly as Niagara is to day; and it will be admitted that, with the structure of the bender of t

#### IN MEMORIAM

of C. K., Killed 17th October-Charleston.

BY ADA VROOMAN.

OH, fair October! not for me Your golden glories now are born, Tear-blinded eyes can never see The beauty of the night and morn.

In vain for me the misty shine Of autumn sunlight softly falls, Across the day I thought divine In vain the far-off brooklet calls.

I only think of mournful rains That beat upon a brave young head-I only dream of battle pains, And fields of conquest strewn with dead.

Through all the night I see the gleam-The anguished light of dying eyes, And in a wild and broken dream See gory fields and wrathful skies

Once more with tears I kneel beside A bleeding form, that, lying low, Shall never more to battle ride. Nor smite a bold and trait'rous foe

Once more I take a mute farewell From sad pale lips, that never more Shall tale of love or sorrow tell, This side the near and shining shore.

Oh, laurelled martyr! thou shalt be A potent presence through the years: In hours of gloom, the thought of thee Shall quell all craven doubts and fears!

The early violets o'er thy grave Shall whisper low thy precious name; And weep bright tears, that one so brave Should have no grander requiem.

Yet in the hearts of those who mourn Thy vanished presence, there shall be Perpetual grief through days forlorn, And daily tears at thoughts of thee.

## THE CONSEQUENCES OF A BALL.

A FEW weeks ago I had a severe attack of Russomania. Buffalo, my native town, had dwindled to my eyes into a most prosaic, out of-the-way place to be born in, and I would willingly have exchanged it with New Archangel, for even the filthy Aleutians were, in my delusion, converted into a sturdy, handsome and civilised portion of the com-munity. I christened a young pup I had Merschikoff, had my moustache trimmed à la Souwaroff, and procured a Russian grammar. I spent three hard sleepless nights pondering over the thirty and odd signs of the alphabet, but what an intense satisfaction I experienced when, by innumerable permutations and combinations of letters, I was able to scribble some nondescript writing on every available piece of paper in our office. I used to leave them slily behind me on my desk, or dropped them on the floor, till a friend would say, or dropped them on the floor, till a friend would say "Old fellow, what the doue is this?" "What?"
"Well, this confounded writing; is it phonography?" "Oh! no," would I answer, swelling all over, "it is Russian!" and all the fellows stared at me. I even went so far as to give a quarter to an old Pole, whom I had seen several times opening and shutting carriages at Niblo's door, to write me a Russian letter, and you may judge of the sensation it created among our fellows when it was left on my desk by the messenger. From that day my a linguist was established. When the Russian fleet anchored in our waters my satisfaction was unbounded. I went on board of every ship, shook every sailor by the hand, and made myself perfectly ridiculous and annoying. Should one of the Muscovite tars come ashore. I pounced upon him, dragged him to the nearest saloon and treated him to arrack, bits of candles and charlotte russe. I witnessed with the greatest enthusiasm all the pageantry of the Russian reception, and cheered most lustily at the barouches containing the admiral and his officers. Six months before I would have attracted by my conduct the attention of everybody, and passed—with some reason—for a lunatic; but all New York seemed to be infected with the same mania, and I merely appeared to be a little warmer-hearted than the common run of the martyrs. One morning Gotham arose in the wild-est of excitement; the invitations for the great Russian ball were to be limited to two thousand Who should go, and who should be left behind, that was the question. The amount of fawning, ing, caressing, petting and bullying don at the time to procure an invitation, defies all kind of calculation.

Mr. Jonathan Shoddy, my emp'oyer, was one of the privileged ones, and although a junior in his to the ball. How it was to be accomuld go to the ball. plished I did not know yet, but go I must, and go I would. From the morning I took that resolution it impressed itself on my mind as a sculed thing altogether, and I very nearly considered myself as invited. I walked Broadway with a firmer step than before, and looked with pity on the poor pas ser-by whom I knew would not be there. The string of equipages stationed in front of Tiffany's, and the bevy of handsome women literally jamming his atore, filled me with a feeling of intense jubila-tion. "Buy away, my darlings," said I to myself, "make yourselves very handsome, for John Mulline will be there to look at you, and who knows, he may perhaps pink up that handsome bracelet you are bargaining for, and elasp it himself on your

snowy wrist; and you, also, my beautiful dark-eyed | that I threw a dollar to a porter who had taken off fairy, will you not allow John Mullins to cool your heated forchead with that handsome fan of yours or languisly ask him to throw on your roundoulded shoulders that gaudy sliken scarf?" I chuckled so audibly that an old gentleman who was just passing looked daggers at me, murmuring something which sounded very much like imper-

That very day, while dining in Hudson street on a veal pie and an apple tart, I hit on the plan which was to be my "open Sesame." I grew so extra-vagantly exhibarated that I astonished the waiter by ordering an extra cue of mocha and a "chasse afé." Before going home I bought a second-hand violin case, and went to bed the hap lest mortal in creation. My dreams that night were exclusively Russian. I dreamed that I danced a Tartar quadrille, dressed in full Cossack uniform, with the Empress of all the Russias for partner, and Admiral ovski and Queen Pomare for vis-a vis. All the assembly had their eyes fixed on me, and the dance being ended to everybody's satisfaction, the Empress gracefully allowed me to kiss her hand and presented me with the cross of Knight of St. Vladimir and a plantation on the Amoor. Another slide put by Morpheus in his magic lantern and I was sitting at a princely banquet. We feasted I was sitting at a princely banquet. We feasted on raw lard and lighted composites, and drank cod liver oil in silver tankards, while, by way of feshionable diversion, fifty serfs of mine were between eac's course knouted to the amount of fifty lashes a piece. One more slide and I was travelling in a sleigh drawn by four spirited horses. The pace was terrific, and it seemed to me that the driver took every minute more gigantic proportions. We crossed a vast frozen plain all covered with snow and as far as my eyes could reach stretched the desolate steppes. I shouted to the driver to stop, but he whipped his horses, laughing most horribly, and the gait was increased. A voice whispered in my ear that I was going to the Jungouses, to work in the mines. I attempted to scream and awoke. Measchikoff (my dog) was lying on my chest.

I passed the whole of the day in the greatest ter-pidation, of course. I forgot the office. I bestowed the utmost care on my tollet, and at the last stroke of six I sallied forth in irreproschable black, a pair of white kids in my pocket and my violin-case in my hand. I boldly stationed myself at the corner of 14th street till the musicians began to fall in by twos and threes. After a few minutes of intense excitement I fillowed a gentleman who carried a most extraordinary brass contrivance, and a few minutes later I was fairly inside the building. I threw my violin-case in the first available corner, and there I was in the very midst of the ballroom, laughing in my sleeve at my cunning introduction I knew no one there, but to do the genteel thing paced the room up and down, bowing now and then as several ladies and gentlemen, without giving them a chance to make out who I was. After a while the rooms became so crowded that I was glad to retire near a bow-window, and from there admire the spectacle

Should you expect a description of the ball you will be deceived You have all seen and admired the illustrations of it given in Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper, and I could not possibly add anything to what he described to you so vividly. I might have been an hour or more wrapped in admiration at this, a new sight for me, when I was joined by a foreign-looking gentleman, with won-derfully curied whiskers and a bit of blue ribbon at his button-hole. We exchanged some common places about the ball, and I do not know how it came to pass, but we finally exchanged cards, and I read with pride and delight the name of Count Swindleskoff. I was ruminating how I should stick the little bit of pasteboard in the most conspicuous corner of my looking-glass, when the count offered to present me to a countrywoman of his, Princess Vamoska. I accepted, with a face absolute'y beaming with graticule, and a few steps brought me in front of a gaudily-dressed person, to whom I bowed most respectfully, while the count was intro-ducing me as "a friend of his."

princess was certainly very beautiful, not over twenty-five years of age, and with deep, dark eyes, fringed with long, soft eyelashes. She must have had a great affection for low dresses, and carried the fashion to its utmost limits; but her bust was so fair, and her orm so plump and white, that I could hardly find fault with it. She evidently did not look as modest as our American ladies. but I attributed it to her foreign extraction. She was very polite and amiable, and invited me to call in Union square; 'she would be most happy to see me, the count was such a good and old friend of hers." Once she spoke two or three words to my companion in a foreign dialect, and I thought that Russian sounded very much like Irish, but that was my ignorance, of course. Another curly whiskered and blue-ribboned gentleman having led the princess to a waltz, I remained alone

"My dear Mr. Mullins," he said, in a most offhand manner, "you hardly would believe what a charming creature is the princess." I recriminated, pouring at once a flood of eulogics and compliments, but he scopped me, waving his hand and smiling

goodnaturedly "She is," said he, "one of the richest in Russia, possesses mines somewhere in Ural and fisheries on the Volga, but for all that the besthum ed and most uppretending of all fair ones. You shall judge for yourself. Permit me to call at your rooms to-morrow night, and we shall go together to pay our respects in Union square."

I was in the seventh heaven; I could have hugged the count in my arms, but I merely proffered my thanks, and an appointment was made for the next evening at eight o'clock. The rest of the evening was enchanted for me. The count had fairly intoxicated me with his advances and his compliments, and when after supper I made bold to hand the princess to her carriage, I was so intrinsically happy

his hat to me.

The count was punctual to a minute, and arm in arm we directed our steps to Union square. The princess was a one with the curly-whiskered gentleman of the ball, and received me most graciously. At first I felt a little shy and bashful, but her open manners soon put me at ease, and I spent a most

delightful evening.

From that day I saw a good deal of the count, and insensibly fell in love with the princess. I sent her most costly bouquets and increased my bili at the tailor's and haberlasher's to an alarming extent. I once intimated to the count that his lady friend had made a great impression on me, and h laughed and quizzed me, and told me to be of good cheer, and said something about faint heart and fair lady, so that I plunged madly in my new passion, and had serious thoughts of popping the question

at the first opportunity.

On the last day of December the princess gave small party to what she called her intimes. I was invited, and when every guest had gone away I was kindly asked to remain to supper, to watch the New Year in. We were very merry, and I was obliged to drink so many New Year's toasts in champagne that when we left the table I was

The count proposed a game of scarté, and I fool-ishly accep'ed. The princess was sitting next to me, and her fair arm was so near mine, and her curls were so delightfully brushing my cheek, that I played most miserably and lost nearly every game. Champagne was called for by the count, and I soon was in a helpless state. Had it not been for "her" presence I believe that I would have fallen asleep on my cards. "Really," said the count, "if you do not play better, I cannot continue to win your money. I am robbing you, in constitute,
ande a show to throw away the cards.
"Not at all," oried I, with all the tenacity of a

us go on.

On we went, drinking all the time, and the princess peeping now and then in my cards, and advising me, and letting happy little screams when the card she had shown me won a trick, and forgetting herself so far as to put her hand on mine, and taking it back on a sudden, blushing as if she had done it unawares. Who could wonder that, after an hour of that manege, I was so far gone that I hardly knew red from black, and played perfectly at random?

"Decidedly my good fellow," said the count, after I had played a wrong card, "you are ex-

"Do you mean to insinuate that I am crunk?" Do you mean to insinuate that I am crunk?"

I lisped mo t ferociously. "I beg to state that I am
not said I will prove it to you in any kind of way
you chaper. Madame will be our judge."

"Well," replied he, "I'll bet you twenty dollars

that you cannot write your name legibly three times running."

"Done," said I, and threw the stakes on the table.

I have a faint recollection of writing my nam of the count slapping me on the back, declaring 1 was as sober as a judge, and handing me his twenty dollars; for the rest, I must believe my landlady, who assured me, the next morning, that I came home in a carriage, in a most shaky state. The count visited me in the afternoon, bantered me a good deal at my conduct the previous evening, and recommended me a "hair of the dog" He offered me a drive in the Park, but I felt so wretchedly miserable that I deslined. He was already at the door, when turning back :

"By the way," said he, "you were very unfor-

"Not so much as all that," I replied.

"Certainly, it is of no great account, if you like; but you see, I am not very flush just now, and should you be able to settle the three hundred dollars this week you would oblige me. I did my best to prevent you going on, but play you would, and you actually forced your acceptances upon

Saying this he shut the door, and I heard him going down stairs whistling. The truth flashed upon me. I had been decoyed, plied with wine and robbed. I could not openly tax the count with dishonesty, my own foolishness had dug the pit I had fallen in. I remained as stupified for more than an hour, looking stupidly before me and unable to collect my thoughts. I felt suddenly impulsed to go to my employer, and I acted on the inspiration.

You have been very imprudent," said Mr. Shoddy, "but I hope it will be a lesson for you; and as a friend of your family, it is my duty to see what can be done under these sad circumstances. Wait an instant and I will accompany you to a friend of mine who is well-versed in those matters.

Mr. Shoddy brought me to the Tombs, and inquired for Mr. Graham.

After a few minutes delay, a tall, slim gentle man, with something of a reserved and thoughtful air, made his appearance. We stated in a few words the motive of our visit. Mr. Graham turned his cold gray eye full upon me.

"Make a clean breast of it, my young friend," "and more especially give me all the particulars in respect to the parties who fleeced

I began to unfold my tale, and had hardly come to the middle of it when Mr. Graham, smiling to my employer, told him that it was "ail right." Although I could not understand how it could be all right, it was a great relief to me to hear those words, and I was comparatively calm when my

story was ended.
."That's one of Pat Flanigan's tricks," said Mr. Graham; "it is most lucky that it happened so, for the fellow is wanted. Just sit down, sir, and write a little note which I will dictate, with your

"MY DEAR COUNT—Should you find it convenient to call at my room o, to-morrow evening at six o'clock, I will be happy to settle all accounts with you —Yours truly,

"JOHN MULLINS." "Yes," grinned Mr. Graham, "we shall settle

all accounts, and no mistake."

The next day at five o'clock Mr. Graham was with me. He gave me some instructions and then retired to my bedroom. A few minutes before six arrived the count. I received him most politely, offered him a cigar, and after awhile brought the conversation on the object of his visit. walked to my escritoire, and taking out some bills, I asked him to let me see my acceptances. He produced them immediately.

"Verily,' said I, looking at the signatures, "my hand was rather unsteady that night."

This w s a signal, and the words were hardly ou of my mouth han Mr. Graham was in the room.

"Pat Fianigan." said he, marching to the count, burglary committed at Hoboken, on the 18th of

The course put his hand to his breast pocket, but the detective was too quick for him.

"Stop that," said he, sternly, pointing a
revolver at him; "stop that, or I shoot you

down."

"Be kind enough to open the window, and show ourself," said he to me.

I did so, and two constables came up, and con-

veyed "my noble friend" to the Tombs.

A complete revulsion of feelings took place in

me. I burned my Russian grammar, kicked Menschikoff ignominiously out of doors, laughed most scornfully when hearing people tolk of Russian princesses and Muscovite counts, and looked up in the Russians as a race of barbarians, who are most unmercifully crushing under a voke of iron the noble-minded Poles.

#### GREAT FIRE AT HARIFORD, CONN.

By the burning of Colt's mammoth manufactory of pistols and rifles, on the morning of the 5th inst, there were destroyed a million of dollars' worth of firesers, half a million dollars' worth of machinery, and the balance of two millions' of dollars

machinery, and the balance of two milliors of dollars woth of other property. The reporter of the Spring-field Union, who was on the spot, says:

"The main walls of the factory began to tumble in various piaces as early as 9 o'clock. Huge masses of flaming timber were seen to fall every minute, and the riar and oin, combined with the surging billows of fire and the intens. beat, were enough to appal the stoutast heat. No effort was made to get at the spot where the bodies of the burned men were reported to lie, for it would have been instantly fatal to attempt it. Whether any were killed or not was not certainly known.

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"The cushing down of a part of the walls would be followed by such an increase of flame and heat as to drive back the crowd in haste to a distance of some

ten rods.
"We have never known a fire to spread so rap
It was almost like the burning of a train of

It was almost like the burning of a train of pine soaked is campbene.

"The fire is a serious calamity to Hartford. The sudden less of worz by between 1,000 and 2,000 mechanics and labores (most of them with families) will be seriously feit in all the local interests of that city. To the company it will be a great disaster, f. rit will take pr bably two years to requild and put their establishment in as good an order as it was,

"The large Government contracts of the works had been nearly all filled, and the armory was chiefly employed on regular sale work, for which there was a brisk demand.

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"The whole insurance was \$750,000." The springfield Union says, editorially, that, when first discovered, the fire could have been easily subsued, but it was found that the city water works, upon which the building mainly depended, had been tampered with and would not work. This leads to the saspicion that the it was the work of an inceediary. A dispatch from Hartf.rd says that the works will continue to give employment to 700 or 800 men, and that about 900 will be thrown on: of work. One man only was known to be killed, and there is one missing. As to the origin of the fire, it declares it a mystery.

## THE ENROLLMENT ACT.

THE noticeable points of the amended

Enrollment or Conseription Bill are these:
Any person drafted may furnish a substitute, and if
the latter is not liable to draft, shall be exempt during the time the su'stitute is exempt, but n. texeeding the term for which he was drafted. If the substitute is liable, the priocipal shall be liable in filling future quotas. If the drafted person pay commutation, such payment shall relieve him only for that quota, and in

no case shall his exemption extend beyond one year.

Members of real loud denominations conscientiously opposed to bearing arms, and so declaring by oath or affirmatios, may be assigned, when drafted, to hospitals, or may pay \$300 for the benefit of sick and wounded soldiers.

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Aliens who have voted or held office shall be liable to draft. Mariners or able scamon drafted may, within eight days, eolist in the naval service, for a period not less than the term of the draft; the whole number of such transfor enlistments not to exceed 10,000, Datriets to be cred tod with such collistments as if the draft'd men had entered the military service. No pilot, engineer, master-at-arms, acting master, acting ensign, or acting master's mate is liable to draft. Persons physically or meetally unfit, persons actually in the military or naval service, and persons who have served two years during the war and have been homorably discharged are exempt.

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Persons resisting the enrollment, or aiding and abetting the resistance, shall be punished by fine not exceeding \$6,000, tr. by imprisonment not exceeding five years, or both. Persons procures must be fined as such, and held to service for the full term of the draft. Whoever procures or attempts to procure a false report from the sur eon as to his physical condition shall be imprisemed for the period of the draft. Surgeons guilty of misfatsance shall be punished by fine and imprisonment.

The 26th action is Mr. Stevens's amended amendment, previoling for the carollment of all able-bodied male paisons of Africant deceant between 20 and 45; loyal m stors of slaves to receive the bounty of \$100 due to the slave; the Secretary of War to a point a Commission in each Siave State represented is Congress to award compassion, not exceeding \$300, to the masters of colored volunteers.

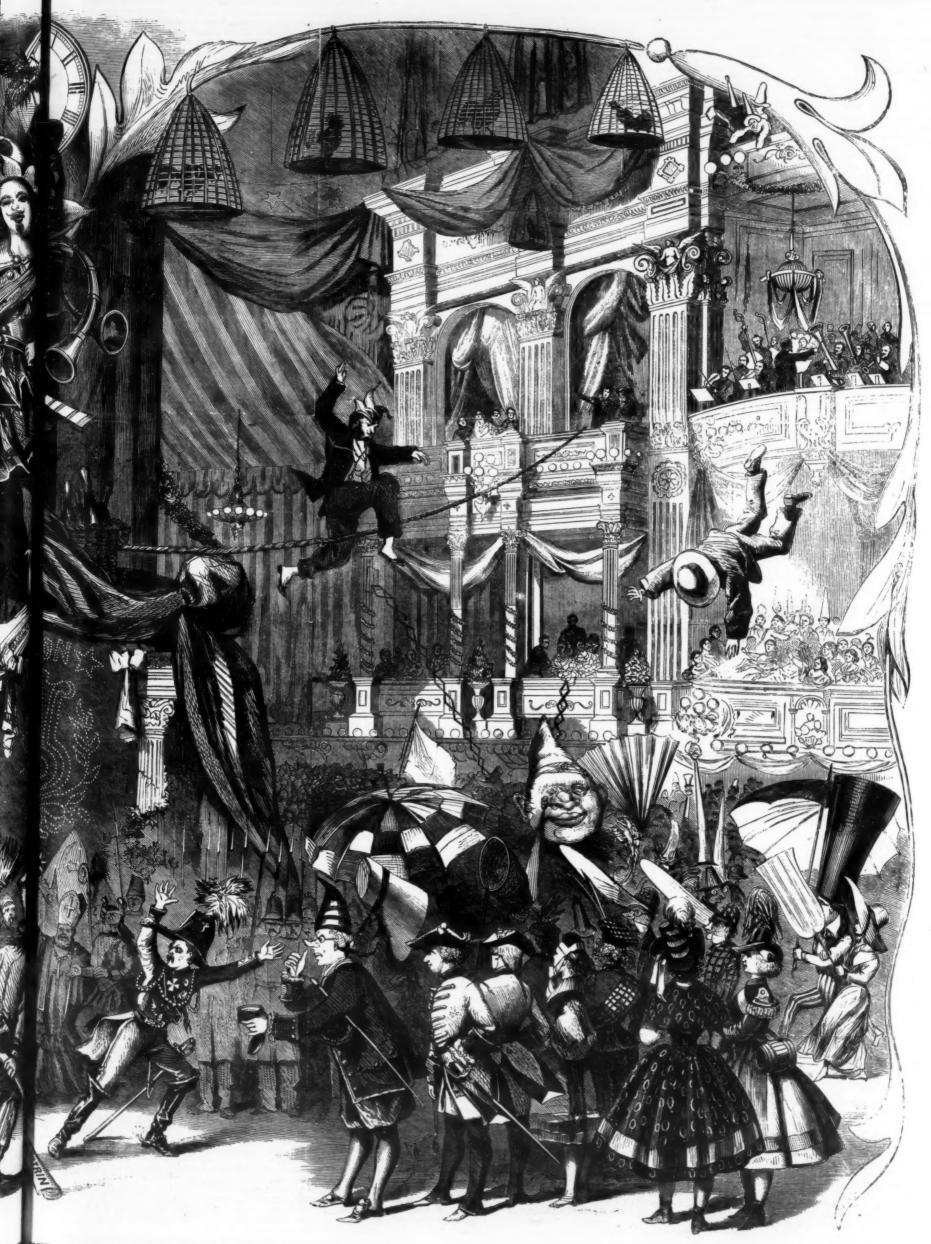
This art embraces important amendments to the Senate bill, and of course returns to the Senate for some arrence.

A QUARER in New Orleans is so upright in all his dealings that he won't sit down to eat.



OUR FANCY DRESS BALLS-MASQUERADE OF

LIE'S



OF TOCTETY, AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC, NEW YORK, FEBRUARY 11.

#### WOUNDED.

LET me lie down, Just here in the shade of this cannon-torn tree. Here, low on the tramped grass, where I may see surge of the combat; and where I may hear The glad cry of victor, cheer upon cheer;

Lee me lie down

Oh, it was grand! Like the tempest we charged, in triumph to

The tempest—its fury and thunder were there; On, on, o'er entrenchments, o'er living and dead, With the for under foot and our flag overhead; Oh, it was grand!

Weary and faiat, Prone on the soldier's couch, ah, how can I rest With this shot-shattered head and sabre-pierced breast?

Comrades, at roll-call, when I shall be sought, Say I fought till I fell, and fell where I fought, Wounded and f.liat.

Right through the dread hell-fire of shrapnel and shell.

Through without falt'ring-clear through with a

yell,
Right in their midst, in the tarmol and gloom,
Like heroes we dashed at the mand ste of Doom! Oh, that last charge!

It was duty! Some things are worthless, and some others so

That nations who buy them pay caly in blood; Freedom and Union cac's man owes his

part, here I pay my share all warm from my heart:

It is duty !

Dying at last! My mother, dear mother, with mock tearful

eye, Parewell! and God bless you, for ever and aye! Oh, that I now lay on your pillowing breast, To breathe my last sigh on the bosom first prest: Dying at last!

I am no saint, But, boys, say a prayer. There's one that begins, "Our Father;" and then says, "Forgive us our sins;"

Don't forget that part, say that strongly, and

I'll try to repeat it, and you'll say Amen! Ah, I am no saint!

Hark!—there's a shout! Raise me up, comrades! We have conquered, I

know! Up, up on my feet, with my face to the fee! Ah, there flies the Fing, with its Star Spangles

The promise of Glory, the symbol of Right! Well may they shout!

I'm mustered out!

O God of our fathers, our freedom prolong, And tread down rebellion, oppression and wrong! O land of earth's hope, on thy blood reddened

I die for the Nation, the Union and God! I'm mustered out!

# The Gulf Between Them.

By Mrs. Ann S. Stephens.

CHAPTER I .- CONTINUED.

Mrs. Harrington plunged into her natural element at once; Mr. Bhodes was a rich wid weer, as vulgar and pompous as cou'd well be imagined; but that made no difference, the lady spread her fi may net and put on all her fascinations at once, leavest ing the younger men to their fate. This was spien-did sport to Elsie, for Miss Jemima, the daughter, was a gaunt, peaked-nose female, who had been Miss Jemima a good many more years than she found agreeable, and when any woman ventured even to look at her stout parent, she was up in arms at once and ready to do battle against the threatened danger. Mr. Rhodes was at once cap-tivated by the widow's flattery, and Elsie mischiovously increased Jemima's growing irritation by all sorts of whispers full of honied malice.

"Quite a flirtation, I declare," said she; "really, Miss Jemima, you ought to be eareful, widows are very dangerous, and she is so fascinating." "It's ridiculous for a woman to go on so," re-

turned the spinster, shaking her head in vehement ou may just tell her it's no use, my pa isn't likely to be caught with chaff like that. "Oh, but Mrs. Harrington is considered irresisti-

"Well, I can't see it for my part," retorted she's a tolerable speci Jemims; painting; but my pa isn't given to the fine arts.

"Oh! Mrs. Harrington," called Elsie, "I wish you could induce Mr. Rhodes to give us a picnic in his woods before the weather gets too cold—they are very lovely."

Miss Jemima looked as if she had three minds to strangle the pretty terment on the spot.
"La! dear," said Mrs. Harrington, "I am succe

I could have no influence.' Oh, you painted humbug!" muttered Jemin ould be delighted—charmed!" exclaimed des. "Madam, it would be a day never to Mr. Bhodes. be forgotten that honored my poor house with your presence;" he broke off puffing, till the brass but-

on his coat shook like hailstones. "Oh, you are a dreadful flatterer, I see!" al.a.

delighted to increase it.

"Madim," tall the 'tout man, "on the honor of a centleman, I never flatter. Mies Elnie, defend me.

"Net unlies you promise to get up the picaie, said the little witch. "Miss Jemima is anxious to

"La! dear," broke in the acid damsel, unable to endure anything more, "I am sure I thought of such a thing, don't speak for me."

'But you will be delighted, you know you will."
"Pa's got to go to Pailadelphia," said she, sharply.

"But I sould defer the trip, Mimy," said her parent, appealingly.

"Business is business, you always say," retorted the damsel.

Elsie gave a little scream.

Why. how odd," said she. "Mrs. Harrington goes to Philadelphia next week-you can escor her, Mr. Rhodes, she is a sad coward about travel

ing alone."
"I shall be delighted," said the widower, "de lighted."

Jemima fairly grouned; she tried to turn her agony into a cough, but it began as a groan; both Elsie and Mrs. Harrington were convinced of that, and it delighted them beyond measure.

"It would be very, very kind of Mr. Rhodes," said the widow, "but Elsis, you are an inconsid-erate little puss, to think of him taking so much

"It would be an honor and delight to me," h insisted.

Jemima resolutely arese from her chair, and planted herself in a seat directly in front of her parent—he could not avoid hereye then—the wrath pent there made him hesitate and stammer. "Miss Jemima," said Elsie, "come and look at

my geraniums; I think they are finer even than

But nothing short of a typedo exploding under her chair would have made the heroic damsel quit her post, not for one instant would she leave parent exposed to the wiles of that abominable

"My dear, I'm so tired," said she, "you must

"Perhaps you'd like to go and lie down," persisted Elsie.

"You look fatigued," said Mrs. Harrington

"Do I, ma'am; y "'re very kind, I'm sure," snappsd the spinster, ying to smile. "I never lie down in the daytine; I'm very comfortable where I am, thank you."

She might be very much at ease herself, but she nade her father very uncomfortable, while Elsie and the widow never gave over teasing for a single instant, till Elizabeth returned to the room and brought them to a little better order.

Luckily dinner was announced, and Miss Jemima's feelings were softened a little by that, especially as she reflected that her father would be obliged to lead Mrs. Mellen into the dining-room. But that dreadful Elsie destroyed even that forlorn hope.

"Bessie," said she, "we must ask Mr. Rhode to play host and sit at the foot of the table, so he

shall lead Mrs. Harrington in."

Even Elizabeth could not repress a smile at the little elf's malicious craft, and there was nothing to be said. The wretched Jemima grew fairly white with rage, but she was obliged to control her-self, and the dinner passed off in the gayest manner possible.

At a very early hour Miss Jemima insisted upon returning home, but Elsie had a parting shaft ready

"I have persuaded Mrs. Harrington and these gentlemen to stay over to-morrow," said she; "se we'll all drive to your house and take luncheon said she; "so Miss Jemima, by way of returning your visit."

The spinster was compelled to express her grati-cation. She could do no less, after having invited herself and her father to dinner at Piney Cove, but her face was a perfect study while the pleasant

"We shall be in ecstacy," said Mr. Rhodes.
"You will be in New York," retorted Jemim you know you have to go early in the morning."
"My dear, the day after will do as well."

"Now, pa, you know you said-"Oh, Miss Jemima," broke in broke in Elsie, "I shall think you don't went us to come!

"And I," said the widow, "shall be morte offended if Mr. Rhodes runs away the very first time I have the pleasure of visiting his house." "Of course, of course!" said the stout man.

"My daughter, Mimy, is a great business woman girl, I mean—but on an occasion like this even business must wait. Ladies, I go home to dream of the honor to-morrow will bring.

"Well, ps, if we're going, I think we had better start," cried the spinster; "we are keeping the horses in the cold."

er fare her parent in triumph, darting a last defiant look at the widow as she passed.

The moment they were gone Elsie went into convulsions of laughter, elapping her pretty white hands like a child. She cried out:

"She'll poison you, Mary Harrington, I know she

"My dear, I'll eat luncheon before I go." Even Elizabeth was forced to laugh at the ridiculous scene. Elsie mimicked the spinster and turned the affair in so many ridiculous ways that it afforded general amusement for the rest of the

vening.

The whole party did drive over to Mr. Rhodes's ouse the next day, and Miss Jemima was tormented out of her very senses; and Mr. Rhodes was made to appear as ridiculous as only a pompous old widower, with a weakness for the sex, can be made

The question of the planic came up again, but Elizabeth settled that matter by refusing to have

pered the widow, quite aware of Jemima's rage and | anything to do with it. She was in no spirits for

From that day out Miss Jealine alanta felt a lising for Mis. Mellen, who had so quie her rescue, and she was the only one of the party whose claret would not have proved a fatal of the spinster's sharp glances or secret wienes could

have had their due effect. From some caprice Mrs. Harrington prolonged her stay at Piney Cove for an entire week, and all this time she protested against either of the gentlemen who had accompanied her there returning atthout her. Elsie, in her careless, childish way, seconded the widow, and so these two men droppe into such easy relations with the family that it seemed difficult to assign any period to their visit Nothing could be quieter than Mr. North's mode of life during his sojourn at the house. joined in the light conversation so prevalent at all times, it was with a quiet grace that modified it without offering rebuke. He seemed to give no society of any one of th preference to the ladies, but most frequently attended Mrs. Harring ton in her walks and rides. To Elsie he was re-served, almost paternal, and in his society the young girl would become grave, sometim

If this man ever had more than ordinary inter course with his hostess no one witnessed it, yet a close observer might have seen that he water her with a quiet vigilance that bespoke some deep interest in her movements. Those who have seen this man creep into the mansion-house at night and wander cautiously from room to room, as if to fix a plan of the dwelling in his mind, will under-stand that his visit, which seemed so purely accidental, had its object; but no one could have discovered, by look or movement, what that object

At last the party broke up and returned to the city. Elsie went with them. At first Mrs. Mellen opposed her going, but the pretty creature was resolute enough when her own wishes were com-cerned, and would listen to no opposition.

"I am not going to live in this stupid place, like a nun in a convent, just because my brother desires to amuse himself in California," she said, when Elizabeth would have dissuaded her from leaving home. "I tell you, Grant would not wish it. I am not married and obliged to shut myself up and play proper like you. It's downright cruel of you want-ing me to stay here. I'm half dead with grieving already. The house isn't like home without Grant

At any rate, I'm going."

She carried her point; Elizabeth had no absolute authority which could enforce obedience on a creature at once so stubborn and so volatile. So she made no farther opposition, fearing that anything like violent measures might prove distasteful to her husband.

But one day now remained of Mrs. Harrington's unwelcome visit. The whole party, except Etiza-beth, were to start for New York in the morning, where Mrs. Harrington had resolved to open a splended succession of receptions and parties in Elsie's behalf.

This last day Elsie d.clared should be the crowning pleasure of Mrs. Harrington's visit. They would ride down to the seaside tavern on horseback, have a chowder party on the precipice horsebase, have a chorder party and a pro-behind it, looking out upon the ocean, and return home at dusk or by moonlight, as caprice might determine. Mr. Rhodes and Miss Jemima might determine. Mr. Rhodes and Miss Jemima were to be included, and some of the colored servants were forwarded early in the morning to superintend the arrangements. The dew was hanging thick and bright on the lawn when Mr. Rhodes and his daughter rode up to the Piney Point mansion. A group of horses was gathered in front of the veranda, and a little crowd of ladies,

in long sweeping dresses, gauntlet gloves and pretty hats, stood chatting around the door.

Mr. Rhodes preferred to sit on his handsome bay horse, and wait for the party to arrange itself, for it was rather inconvenient for him to mount and dismount his high-stepping horse oftener than was absolutely necessary. As for Jemima, she rode a long-legged, slender-bodied horse, and sat him in grim dignity, as the dames of old occupied their highbacked chairs. The beaver hat towered high, and the stiff tust of seathers that rose from it front gave a dash of the military to her unusually defiant aspect.

She drewher horse up to the front steps, and sat grimly regarding the city widow, as that lady shook out the folds of her riding-skirt, pulled the gauntlets to a tighter fit on her shapely hands, and kept her cornelian-headed riding-whip in a con-stant state of vibration, for the benefit of that evidently too admiring widower on the great bay

The party mounted at last, and cantered in a gay cavaleade across the lawn, Isaving the mansion behind them almost in solitude. It was a lovely day, bright and fresh with sunshine, and a cool om the ocean. Mrs. Mellen that seemed among the most joyous of the party. Whatever care had possessed her she evidently threw off; her sweet voice rang out among the most cheerful, and her face grew beautiful in the animation of the moment.

For awhile the party moved on at random; but when the road branched off into a long tract of the woodland the equestrians naturally broke up into pairs, and, either by chance or design, Mr. North joined Elisabeth, who was riding a little in advance. It was almost the first time that he had seemed to prefer her society openly during his whole visit and this movement naturally orested a little observation. Elsis looked after the splendid pair as they rode under the overhanging trees, with an expression of subdued wonder in her blue eyes which amounted almost to dismay. Mrs. Har-rington laughed with as much meaning as her of intellect could concentrate on one small share of intellect could concentides, and said in a low voice to Elsie:

"Did I not tell you they had met before? She has

been playing dutiful as long as she could; see how she breaks out now. Look! look! she is turning down a cross road; it is a mile farther round."

"We will go on direct," said Elsie. "If my brother's wife cooses to ride off alone with any man through the woods, let her. It was decided

that we should take the highway, and we will."

Eleie spoke with decision, a cold light came into her blue eyes, and the expression about her lips was almost stern; for a moment the girl was transfigured before her friend.

At the cross roads there was a little debate. Miss Jem ma turned her horse in the direction El sabeth had taken. The generally obedient papa was following this lead, when Mr. Hawkins

papa was following this lead, when Mr. Hawkins was sent forward to arrest him.
"Straight ahead, that's the programme," he said, taking the gold head of his riding-whip from his mouth long equuph to speak clearly, "Miss Elsie told me to call you back."

"And the—the other lady," stammered Rhodes,

flushing red, to the intense scorn of the spinster. "Oh, she's gone ahead."

"Then I take this way." exclaimed Jemima,

with emphasis; "come, pa." Mr. Rhodes had wheeled his horse half round. and was casting irresolute looks towards the two ladies riding slowly along the shady road.

"But, daughter, we cannot leave them to ride on alone.

"This-this-person is with them, and they eem to count him as a man," answered Jemin with a gesture of intense scorn.

Mrs. Harrington here was seen to draw up her horse in the shade of a huge chestnut, and playfully becken the widower with her whip.

"Jemima, I must. It would be underbred,"

cried the desperate man, riding away to enemy.

Jemima sat upon her horse, petrified with amazement. Her father looked anxiously back when he reached the widow, with sad forebodings of when he reached the widow, with sad forebodings of the tempest that would follow, but there the spinster sat at the cross roads like an equestrian statue.

"Come, come," said the widow, touching him playfully with her whip, "Elsie is getting impatient. Now for a race."

Her spirited horse dashed forward at a run. The ponderous steed of the widower thundered after, making the forest reverbesate with the heavy

Mr. Hawkins fell into a dainty amble, and away the whole party swept into the green shadows of the woods.

Jemima looked right and she looked left. Should she ride on and leave her pa in the hands of that designing creature? Perish the thought, better anything than that! She touched her horse. It turned sharply, and swept down the bighway like a greyhound. She struck him on the flank, then the tiny lash of her whip quivered about his ears till he dashed on, flinging back dust and stones with his hoofs

The party was riding fast. Mr. Hawkins by Elsie, Mr. Rhodes close to the widow—so close, that somehow her right hand, whip and all, had got entangled with his. They were on a curve of the road, around which Jemima came sweeping like a terrent. With a single bound her horse rushed in between them, leaving the widow's gauntlet glove in the grasp of that frightened man, and the cornelian-headed whip deep in the mud of the high-

Not a word was spoken. The widower sank abjectly down in his saddle, and with his apprehensive eyes turned sideways on the spinster, surreptitiously thrust the stray glove into the depths of his pocket. The widow, convulsed with mingled laughter and rage, gave no doubt of genuine color now, for her face was crimson. Thus, like two prisoners under military guard, they moved on, with Jemima riding in grim vigilance between them

The spot chosen for the chowder-party commanded a splendid sea view, and a broad landscape in the background, in which the distant mansion of Piney Cove was a principal object. It was an abrupt precipise, clothed, except in the very front, with a rich growth of trees; splendid masses of white pine and clumps of hemlock darkened with the desp green of their foliage such forest trees as cast their leaves from autumn till spring time. The broken precipice in front was tufted here and there with clumps of barberry bushes and other wild shrubs, which might have aided a daring adventurer to climb up it had the temptation been sufficient. Between this precipice and the shores of the ceean stood the little tavern we have before spoken of, from which the negroes of Piney Point were now bringing up a huge iron pot wherein to cook the chowder, which would be nothing if not culminated in the open air, over a fire of sticks, and eaten beneath the hemlock trees.

A bridle path led to the top of this precipice, ng the back alone of this route the highway party rode to the summit some fifteen minutes before Elizabeth and Mr. North joined them. Whatever evil feelings had sprung up on the road, at least a majority of the enickers seemed resolved to enjoy themselves now. Jemima entered heart and soul into the preparations, keeping a sharp eye on her father all the time. He, poor man, scarcely required her vigilance, for when a chowder was to be concocted the stout man forgot all his gallant weaknesses, and gave his whole being up to the important subject.

Mrs. Harrington had no great talent for cookery, and feeling beaten and awed by Jemima's dashing generalship, hovered around the outskirts of the preparations, firting a little with Hawkins, from languid habit rather than any special regard for

young gentleman. Daring the bustle of these preparations Eliza-beth, Mr. North and Elsie had dropped out of the party and wandered off, no doubt, into the shade places of the woods; no one had observed how or where they went. Hawkins had been with Elsie at first, but she had cent him down a ravine for some wild honeysuckle, and when he came back to the stone on which she had been sitting it was vacant. Probably she had become tired of wai ing and had gone in search of the honeysuckle herself as for Mrs. Mellen and North, of course they were all right somewhere, and would be on hand safe enough when the chowder was ready.

While Airs. Harrington and Hawkins were talk ing in this idle fashion, they sat on a large ledge of rock that crowned the very brink of the precipice and chancing to look down, saw two persons near the foot moving towards the tavern. One they recognised, even from that distance, to be Mr. North his tall, grand figure was not to be mistaken The other was a lady; the dark riding-dress and floating plumes might belong to any female of the party, there was no individuality in a dress like The couple had evidently found some pasparty, sage down the brow of the precipice, for it would have been impossible to reach the spot where they stood by any other route.

said Mrs. Harrington, "if that isn't s sly proceeding; what on earth does it mean? How Mrs. Mellen can drag her long skirts down that hill, just to look at a common tavern, which she's seen a hundred times, I cannot imagine."

"Perhaps they are going down to the beach," said Hawkins, who had no more malice in his composition than a swallow.

"No, no! they are turning toward the house," said the widow, considerably excited. "What can they want there?'

Oh, very likely they have gone in to rest. You know North lives there when he comes on the island to fish or shoot."

"What! Mr. North, he live there and never tell I thought he was a perfect stranger on the

"As to that," answered Hawkins, a little star tled by her earnestness, "he only comes down for a day now and then. It's nothing permanent, I

"There! there! they have gone in!" exclaimed e lady. "I wonder where Elsie is; I must tell

"Why, what nonsense!" answered Hawkins with some spirit; " can't Mrs. Mellen step into a house to rest herself a moment without troubling her friends so terribly?"

"Just be quiet, Hawkins, you don't know what you are talking about," answered the lady, keep-ing her gaze fastened on the tavern. "Turn an eye on the house while I look at the time. It must be five minutes since they went in. Dear, dear what a world we live in!"

Mrs. Harrington kept the little enamelled watch sparkling with diamonds, in her ungloved hand full en minutes, only glancing from it to the door of the tavern in her vigilance. At the end of that time Mr. North and his companion came out of the house and disappeared in the undergrowth which lay between that and the precipice.

Mrs. Harrington watched some time for them to appear again, but her curiosity was baffled, and her attention soon directed to other objects. At last she was aroused by Elsie coming suddenly upon the ledge, flushed, panting for breath and glowing with anger. She turned upon Hawkins like a spiteful mockingbird.

"A pretty escort you are, Mr. Hawkins, to leave a lady all alone in the woods. I declare, Mrs. Harrington, he lost me in one of those dreadful ravines, and I scrambled up the wrong bank and have been wandering everywhere, climbing rocks and tiring myself to death. Only think of dragging this long skirt over my arm and tearing my way through the bushes. I heard the servants laugh and that guided me, or I might have been roaming the woods now."

poor dear," said the widow, full of com passion, "how heated and wearied you look! Hawkins, can't you find something to fan her

Hawkins broke off a branch full of leaves and offered to fan her with it. But she snatched it out of his hand and flung it over the precipice.
"Where is Elizabeth? Go tell Elizabeth I

want to speak with her, if you want to make up "We have not seen Mrs. Mellen since you went

away; nor Mr. North either. They have finished that ride by strolling off together," said Mrs. Harrington. Elsie started, and the warm color faded from

her face.
"What! Elizabeth; has she been roaming about?

and-

"With Mr. North, Elsie."

The tone in which this was said conveyed more than the words. At first Elsie looked bewildered; then, as if her gentle spirit had received the shock of a painful idea, she fell into troubled thought.

And you saw her go away," she said, in a low ee. "In what direction?" "We did not know how or when she went, but

certainly did see her and Mr. North together. "Where?" "Down yonder, going into that low tavern

Els e gased into her friend's face, startled and astonished.

"She would not go there. You must be mis-taken, Mrs. Harrington. No person could be recognised from this distance—it's all nonsense." "Ask her," said Mrs. Harrington, " for here she

Edizabeth came up from a hollow in the woo and joined the party. She seemed completely wern out, and sat down on a fragment of rock, panting for breath. She was very pule, as if some great exertion had left the weariness of reaction pon her. She had evidently rested somewhere before joining them.

Elisabeth, where have you been ?" said Elsie, leoking anxiously at her sister-in-law.
"Down in the woods."

Elisabeth pointed to the forest that sloped back | om the precipioe. Before Elsie could resume her questions Mrs.

Harrington broke in with a faint sneer on her

"And where did you leave Mr. North?" she said, fixing a cunning, aidelong giance on Elizaceth

"I have not seen Mr. North," answered Mrs Mellen, with apparent ind fference, though the hot color mounted to her face, brought there either by some inward conscipusness or the perceptible levelled at her in the form of a question.

"Not seen Mr. North," exclaimed the widow folding her hands demurely, and smiling down on them as they rested in her lap; "dear me, what things optical delusions are!"

Elisabeth did not hear or heed this, for that intant Mr. North came up to them very quietly and sat down near the widow.

"Have you had a pleasant ramble?" he said addressing Elsie. "I saw you and Hawkins in the woods and had half a mind to join you."

"But changed your mind and went-may I ask here?" said Elaie, with a shade of pallor on her face; for it seemed as if the man had surprised her with bitter thoughts of his deception in her mind, and remembering her brother, she could not refrain revealing something of distrust.

"Oh, I took a ramble around the brow of the recipice," he answered, carelessly, " and went into the tavern for a glass of water.'

dy," said Elsie, looking steadily in his face. "What lady was it in a riding-dress who bore you company? Mrs Harrington saw one from her perch here on the ledge."

North cast a quick glance on Elizabeth, who did not speak, but sat looking from him to her sister-in-law, as if stricken by some sudden terror. "It was a mistake. No lady shared my rambles,"

said North.

"But there was a lady," cried Mrs. Harrington a good deal excited. "I saw her with my own s. Mr. Hawkins remarked her too." North smiled and shook his head

"She had on a riding-habit and an upright

"Well, well," said North, gently, "it is useles going on with the subject. I assure you that I went down the precipice alone and came up alone." Mrs. Harrington looked at Elsie and smiled.

"Of course he is in honor bound to say that, she whispered.

Elsie seemed disturbed and answered quickly I. for one, believe that he speaks truth. It is felly to say that you saw any one in that dress; besides, it was just as likely to be me as Elizabeth our habits are alike."

"Poor generous dove!" whispered the widow "you know better; but if you are satisfied it's no business of mine, only if Mellen asks me about it I must tell the truth."

"Mary Harrington, you must have better proof than this before you dare to make mischlef between my brother and his wife," said Elsie, with a force of expression that made the widow open her eyes wide. "Don't be slanderous and wicked, for l won't bear that, especially against Elizabeth

Dear me, what a storm I have raised. Well, well, I did not see a lady, that's enough. And there comes that wonderful colored person of yours to say that the feast is spread and the chowder perfect. Come, come, one and all.'

The whole party were assembled on the ledge by this time. At Mrs. Harrington's invitation it move moved off and went laughing and chatting towards a large flat rock, that gleamed out from among the grass and mosses around it like a crusted snow bank, so white and crisp was the linen spread over it Here a dainty repast presented itself, for the smok-ing dish of chowder that stood in the centre gave its name to what was, in fact, a sumptuous feast. Directly the noise of flying corks and the gurgle of amber-hued wines, with bursts of laughter and flashes of wit, frightened the birds from their haunt in the great tulip-tree overhead, and made its rich yellow blossoms tremble again in the sunshine that came quivering over the forest and rippled up the broad ocean with silvery outbursts.

Whatever had gone before, all was hi'arity and North, for one, came out resplendently; such graceful compliments, such bright flashes of wit no one had ever heard from his lips till then. It aroused the best talent of every one present. When the party broke up and its members went to the covert where their horses had been fed, it was joyously, like birds flying home to their nests.

A ride through the golden coolness of a lovely sunset brought the party back to Piney Cove, and all that had gone wrong during the day seemed for-

The visitors were to start for New York early in the morning, and, as all were somewhat fatigued the house was closed somewhat earlier than usual.

Elale had retired earlier than the rest, having some preparations to make for her little journey. She busied herself awhile about her boudoir and bedroom, selecting a few articles of jewellery and so on to be packed, then sat down and read awhile; tired of that, she turned down the lights in the alabaster lily cups, which one of the statues held, sat down in the faint moonshine with which she had thus flooded the room, and fell into a train of restless thought; a pale gleam darted up now and then from the lilies and trembled through the flosslike curls under which she had thrust her hand, revealing a face more earnest and thoughtful than was usual to the gay young creature. Whether it was usual to the gay young creature. Whether it was that she had become anxious from the dart of suspicion that had been that day cast on her brother's radiance that surrounded her, and now and then, she would start up and listen at Riisabeth's door, as if about to enter and question her of the things that evidently troubled her mind. At last she fell wife or was disturbed by some other cause I cannot

into quiet, and lying on the couch scarcely seemed seemed to breathe. It was almost midnight then The house was still, and she could hear the distant waves beating against the shere. She closed her yes and ficteded dreamily, reluctant to seek any other place of rest, whehanging the azure cushion of her couch imposite the from time to time.

At last, as she half roze for the purpose, a noise

from the cuter room, which was a square passage of nall, in which were placed some bronze statues and at tique shields, are sted her attention. Resting on her eleaw, she have see breath said listeand.

The noise came again more distinctly. It seemed as if a door had been opened with caution. Elecarose, stole softly across the carpet, turned the loci of her dressing room door and entered the passage, carrying a little nightlamp in her hand, which she had kindled among the alabasterliffs. She had half crossed the hall, casting frightened looks around. when a cry of dismay broke from her lips, for close by the door which led to her sist: r-in-law's apartment she saw Elizabeth standing, pale as death, but with her eyes burning like fire, turned upon a man who stood leaning against one of the statues. It was Mr. North.

The two women stood face to face, regarding each other in dead silence, while North smiled upon them both. The lamp trembled in Elsie's hand her face turned white as snow. Without uttering a word she turned, entered her room and losked the

The next day she left Piney Point with Mrs. Harrington. Mr. North left also, but he went alone.

#### **GUR FANCY-DRESS BALLS.**

Wz give some space in our present issue to the two great fancy-dress balls, that of the Lieder krans, at the City Assembly Rooms, on the 3d, and kranz, at the City Assembly Rooms, on the 3d, and that of the Arion, on the 11th, at the Academy of Music. Both were conducted admirably, the greatest precautions being taken to make them select and thoroughly enjoyable. The ball of the Liederkranz was a fine affair, the costumes being rich, varied and curious, as our illustration will show. The human giraffe created quite a sensation. The music was fine, as was to be expected, and the enjoyment of the pretice present seemed to be complete.

At the Arion ball the Academy had some strange decorations, which we deplet. Novel birdeages, composed of hospskirts, fastened to round boards at the bottom, on which were painted some excellent carlectures, caused great amusement. In these cages

catures, caused great amusement. In these cages were a number of roosters, who, about daylight, caused the greatest commettion imaginable, crowing away like good fellows. The back of the stage was ornamented with a very beautiful gaslight, representing a harp, surrounded with leaves of leurel, and supporting the word "Arion." The rope dancing of Mc. Goetze attracted much attention, and the chap who tried to invent a flying machine and falled gave rise to much mirth.

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The great feature of the evening, however, was the crowning of Prince Maximiliae. The Prince was brought in the room, mounted on a jackass. He dismounted and attempted to take his sect on the throse of Mexico, but was prevented by the sharp blade twice by Brother Jonathan, which showed itself most conspicuously through the cushion. To detail all the fun would be impossible.

The coalumes here, as at the Llederkranz, were mignificent. Kinga, queens, dakes, clowns, harlequin, fairlis market-women, flower-girls, brigands, userrymen, fools and other characters of every presible kind veree so abundant, that to select the best was impossible.

# ATTACK OF REBEL CAVALRY a Detachment of the 13th Maine, on Matagorda Peninsula.

On the 29th of December one company of the 13th Maine regiment, under Lieut. Col. Hazeltine were sent from Pass Cavalla, Texas, up Matsgord. Peninsula, on a reconnoitring and foreging expedi-tion. When 40 miles up the Peninsula the small party was attacked and surrounded by a large force of rebel cavalry, numbering 1,200 or 1.500 The position of the Federals was critical indeed. The pevinsula, party was attacked and a however, was narrow, and the gunboat Granite C ty, accompanying the expedition, was thus enabled to sweep it with her guns. The Federals, determined to resist to the last, after firing volleys of muskerry, to resist to the last, after firing volleys of musketry, commenced throwing up a bresstwok of driffwo.d on the basch, the Granite City covering them in their work, by vigorously shelling the rebils, as they formed in close column to therge. The destruction caused in the rebei lines by the barsting of the shells was very great. Finding that further ademy's to capture the party in the far of the guaboat would be at caused with great 1 ss, after several usus constituted with great 1 st, and wounded. The gall are bard of Federals escaped without the loss of a single man. During the engagement the robel Cotton Cied attender arrived abside the bay of Matagorde, and shelled the Federal party. She was, however, set on file by me of the guaboat's shells, and completely descripted.

# THE WAR IN FLORIDA.

Capture of the Caroline Gertrude and Fight with Cavalry on Ocklockony river.

A SPIRITED affair took place on the Ocklockony river on the 28.h Dec., for a sketch of which we are indebted to J. J. Fratt, Paymaster of the Stars

On the night in question two boats of the steamer boarded and took the schooner, which was loaded with cotton and sground. They worked all night to get her off, but bad the foresight to raise a breas work of cotton in case of attack. At 1 Calcok 2. M., on the 29th, a company of 80 evalry mare their appearance, and dissignating, rawled up behind trees bushes and grass to the waser's edge. A sharp fight was kept up about two hours, whon, finding it impossibe to get her off, they fired her sand juiled off. The rebels them attacked them with rome sen fury, but losing their commander, endeavored to reach and save the schooler. This the boarding baity prevented, and lay by till the schooler was totally destroyed, when they returned to the steamer with 14 prisoners and \$20,000 worth of cotton. On the night in question two boats of the steamer

#### THE WHISPERING OF A FAIRY.

I comm with the birth of the evening wind, On the spray of a summer shower, have dezed away, through a sultry day, In the folds of a half blown flower. come on a mission of light and love, a maiden young and fair, She sleeps by the side of the river's tide, And I'll whisper it to her there."

She sient in the truth of a trusting heart, With a spirit as pure as kind, And the fairy flew to this maiden true On the breath of the evening wind. He swept from its beautiful, careless fall. With his wing, her dark brown hair, And kissing the ear of this maiden dear, He hath whispered his mission there.

As soft and as quick as the silver flash That hath danced on a moonlit sea, On her lip awhile hung a loving smile, As she waked from her reverie. And ever the same when a fairy bears From the spirit-world a beam, We shudder or smile to each whispered wile, And his mission we call a dream.

#### FUN FOR THE FAMILY.

A YOUNG lady once remarked that there was one word in the Bible that she wished altered, and that was in the passage, "Whoseever she'l emite thee on the right check turn unto him the other also;" she would have the word "amite" changed to "kiss."

"I DREAMED that I dwelt in marble halls," the convict said, after serving out his time in the to Prison.

You had a dream which was not all a dream," re-

"FATHER, did you ever have another wife "No, my boy; what possesses you to ask such a question?"

"Because I saw in the old family Bible where you married Anny Dominy, 1885; and that isn't mother, for her name is Sally Smith,"

"Mother, did you hear sissy awear?"
"No, my dear; what did she say!"
"Why, she said, she wasn't going to wear her darned stockings to church!"

A YOUNG girl is a fishing rod—the eyes are the hook, the smile is the bait, the lover is the gudgeon, and marriage the butter in which he is fried.

A MAN came into a printing office to be a paper. "Bosause" he said, "we like to read th newspapers very much, but our neighbors are all to stirgy to take one!"

THE lady whose "peace of mind" was roken intends to have it repaired.

"Put money in thy purse," as the pick-pocket said when he rebled a man of an empty one.

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"Who are you, sir ?"

The continuous was values alarmed, but this king the statement was values alarmed.

"Who are you, sir?"
The gentleman was rather alarmed, but this king to
diver his attention by a pun, replied;
"I am a double man; I am a Man by name and a
man by nature."
"Are you so?" replied the other; "why, I am a map by nature."
"Are you so?" replied the other; "why, I am a
man beside myself; so we two will fight you two?"
He then knocked down poor Man and ran away.

AT a hotel, a short time since, a girl inquired of a genticman at the table if his cup was out, "No," sai the, "but my coffee is."

The poor girl was considerably confused, but determined to pay him in his own coin. While at disner the stage drove up, and several coming in, the gentleman saked.

"Does the stage dine here?"

"Does the stage dine here?"
"No, sir," exclaimed the girl, in a sarcastic tone;
but the passengers do."

Don't marry an attorney; it must be a dthing to be hung to a limb of the law.

IF you don't lay out your plans of life be-times, you will probably so laid out before they are. MOCK TUATLE.—Calling a husband "my dear" in public, and "you brute" in private.

Yes. THE OLD MAID'S DIARY.

men.

16. Begins to have some idea of the tender passion.

17. Tales of love in a cottage, and disinterested

18. Fancies here'lf in love with some handsome man
who has flattered her.

19. Is a little more difficult in consequence of being

19. Is a little more difficult in consequence of beam, noticed.
20. Commences to be fashionable.
21. Still more confidence in her own attractions, and expects a brilliant establishment.
22. Refuses a good offer because he is not a man of fash.on.
23. Fliris with every young man she meets.
24. Wonders she is not married.
25. Hather more circumspect in her conduct.
26. Begins to think a large fortune not quite so indispensable.

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7. Prefers the company of rational men to firting.

28. Wishes to be married in a quiet way with a comfortable income,

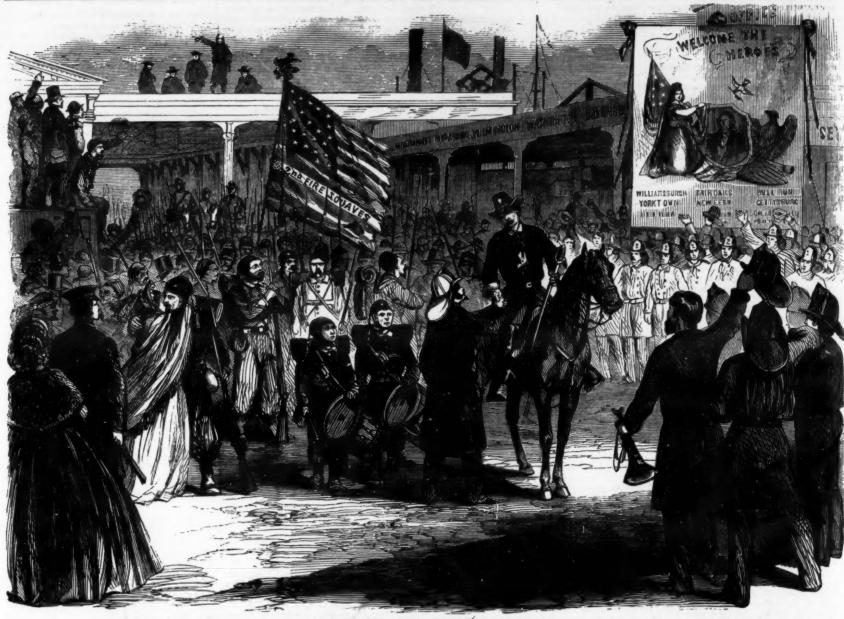
29. Almost despite of entering the married state,

30. Bather fearful of being called an old maid,

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33. Wonders how men can leave the society of seesible women to firt with chits.
34. Affects good humor in her conversation with men.
35. Jealous of the praises of woman.
36. Quarrels with harf fend who is lately married.
37. Thinks herself elighted in society.
38. Likes talking of her sequaintances who are married unfortunately, finds consolation in their misfortunes.
39. Histaure increases.
40. Very meddling and officious. This is a growing penchant.
41. If rich, as a dermicressori, makes leve to a young man without fortune.
42. Not secteeding, rails against the sex.
43. Eursged at his descrition.
44. Severe against the manners of the age,
45. Strong predil ction for religious observances.
46. Partiality for cards and scandal commences.
47. Becomes desponding and takes sauff.
48. Turns all her sensibility to cats and dogs.
49. Adopts a dependant reliation to attend on her.
50. Becomes disgusted with the world, and vents all her sensibility to cats and dogs.

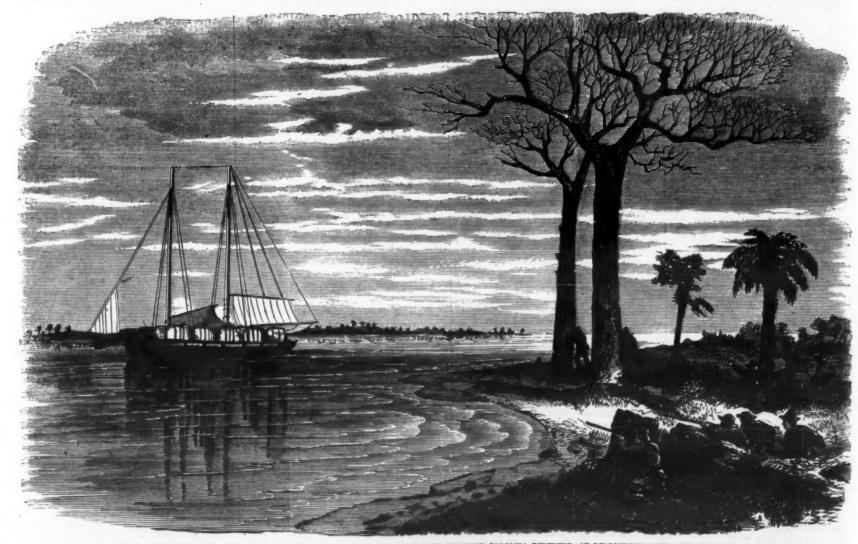


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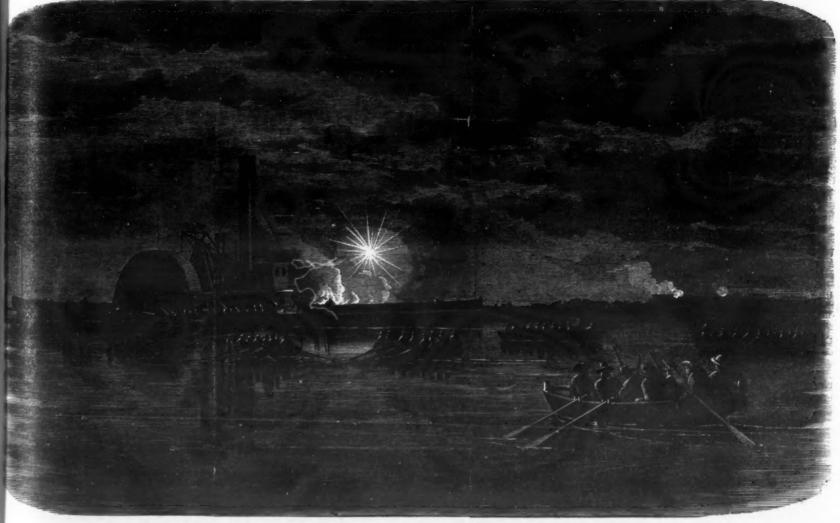


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